

Broader context: 1:8-19

- My child hear
 - If sinners entice ... greed and murder
 - They will kill themselves

Passage Outline:

Vs. 20-22

Wisdom cries

- In the streets: How long?
 - The simple remain simple; scoffers scoff;
 - fools hate knowledge

Vs. 23-27

Wisdom:

- Heed: I will pour out my spirit
 - I will make known my words
 - [But] because you have not heeded ...
 - I will laugh when calamity/panic strike

Vs. 28-33

- Then they will call me ... I will not answer
 - They will seek and not find
 - They shall eat the fruit of their ways
- [Therefore] waywardness kills
 - complacency destroys
- But those who listen ... will live at ease

Key words and Thoughts: wisdom (σοφία/ חכמה); shout (רָגַז/ ὑμνέω); voice (קוֹל/ παρρησία); fool (דֹּפֵּן/ ἄσεβής/ כְּסִיף/ ἄφρων); simple (יָדֵי/ ἁκακος); love (אַהֲבָה/ ἀγάπη); scoff (דָּלָה/ ἠσαύριον); reproof (תּוֹכַח/ ἐλεγξις); knowledge (דַּעַת/ σοφία); spirit (רוּחַ/ πνοή); to make known (עֲדַת/ διδάσκω); calamity (רָעָה/ ἀπώλεια); fear (פֶּחַח/ φόβος); call (קָרָא/ ἀνέλεον); seek (רָחַץ/ ζητέω); find (מָצָא/ εὕρισκω); hate (שִׂנְאָה/ μισέω); laugh (קָחַץ/ γελάω); security (בִּטְחָן/ ἐλπίς); ease (נַחֲלָה/ ἡσυχάζω)

Questions:

From this passage, what do you appreciate about “Wisdom?” What do you find disconcerting?

What is ‘fear’? Is ‘fear’ good, bad, or indifferent?

Who are those who reject “the voice of Wisdom?” How are they characterized?

To live securely and at ease, what are you to do?

