

# Heed the call of Sophia

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Solomon personifies wisdom as a woman, one who is virtuous at first and foolish later in Proverbs.

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## I. SOPHIA'S PLEA

### A. MADE PUBLICLY... (1:20-21)

**Proverbs 1:20–21** *ESV*

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; <sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

### B. TO THOSE WHO NEED HER... (1:22)

**Proverbs 1:22** *ESV*

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<sup>22</sup> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?”

## C. BE FILLED WITH HER WISDOM... (1:23)

**Proverbs 1:23 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

## II. SOPHIA'S WARNING

### A. DIRECTED TO THOSE WHO REFUSED TO HEAR... (1:24-25)

**Proverbs 1:24–25 ESV**

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, <sup>25</sup> because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

### B. THERE WILL BE NO HELP WHEN CALAMITY COMES... (1:26-30)

**Proverbs 1:26–30 ESV**

<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, <sup>27</sup> when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. <sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. <sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof,

### C. THEY WILL SUFFER THE FATE OF THEIR FOLLY... (1:31)

**Proverbs 1:31 ESV**

<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.

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## III. SOPHIA'S SUMMARY

### A. DESTRUCTION COMES UPON THE SIMPLE AND FOOLS... (1:32)

**Proverbs 1:32 ESV**

<sup>32</sup> For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

### B. SAFETY AND SECURITY ARE FOR THOSE WILLING TO HEAR... (1:33)

**Proverbs 1:33 ESV**

<sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”