

This Morning we will focus on this cry of Wisdom. In it we can hear the cry of Christ.

I. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF COMPASSION. Proverbs 1:20, 21

It's the same cry that is found in John. **John 7:37**

II. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF REPROOF. Proverbs 1:22

Three classes are addressed in this passage.

- a. The simpleminded: rebuked for being easily led and yielding!
- b. The mockers: rebuked for delighting in mockery! [scorners]
- c. The fool: rebuked for hating knowledge!

He loves darkness rather than light!!!.

III. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF APPEAL. Proverbs 1:23

Wisdom, like Christ, calls and appeals, but will not compel.

The responsibility for the final outcome lies with the hearer.

God appeals to the will, to the reason. **Isaiah 1:18**

Regeneration is the work of the Spirit.

Conversion is the work of the individual!!!

IV. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF PROMISE. Proverbs 1:23

He will meet the need of all.

He promises to transform their character, not their circumstances.

V. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF LAMENTATION. Proverbs 1:24, 25

This is the language of wounded love.

Like that found in Matthew. **Matthew 23:37**

VI. WE CAN HEAR IN IT THE VOICE OF JUDGMENT. Proverbs 1:26-29

- a. There is nothing more certain than this.

Fear comes upon all the ungodly sooner or later.

- b. Those who willfully rejected His call of Mercy,
will find their call for mercy rejected.

- c. Christ had His calamity on the cross.

The Christ rejecter will have his when he sees Christ on His Throne.

- d. Man's crowning crime is

he hates the knowledge of God and chooses not to fear Him.

Today is the day of Salvation; now is the seed time of Eternal Life! **Proverbs 1:30-33**

RECOGNIZE HIS COMPASSION! ACKNOWLEDGE HIS REPROOF!

RESPOND TO HIS APPEAL!