

God's Silence  
Joshua 9

Review

1. Because God is wise and knows everything, we should always seek His will whenever we have decisions to make
2. Because God is our Lord and King, we should obey all of His Word, not just the parts we like or understand.
3. Because God is always faithful to His promises, it is important for us to keep our word to others.

Go Further: Read Proverbs 8

1. In verses 1-3, who is speaking? Where does she make her speech? Why do you think she speaks in these places?
2. To whom does wisdom speak in verse 4? Why do you think she singles out the naïve and the fools in verse 5?
3. In verses 6-8, how does wisdom describe her words? What does wisdom say is her attitude toward wickedness?
4. In verses 8-9, wisdom addresses the question of how easy her words are to understand. Who does wisdom say can understand her?
5. What value does wisdom give her words in verses 10 and 11?
6. With what things does wisdom associate herself in verse 12? Do you find these things desirable?
7. In verse 13, what does wisdom say always accompanies true fear of God?
8. How does wisdom describe evil in this verse? Are you ever tempted to engage in this kind of behavior?
9. In verses 14-16, what role does wisdom say she plays in good government?
10. In verse 17, who does wisdom say has access to her?
11. What sorts of blessings does wisdom say come from her in verses 18-21? What sort of wealth do you think wisdom is describing in verse 21?
12. In verses 22-31, how does wisdom describe her role in the creation of the world? How does this claim reinforce scientists' claims to be able to understand how the natural world operates?
13. What promises does wisdom make in verses 32-35? For whom does she say these blessings come?
14. Whom does wisdom warn in verse 36? What happens to those who reject wisdom?

Apply:

1. How highly do we value the wisdom found in God's Word? How might we better express this value in our daily lives when we decide how to focus our time and attention?
2. How has following the wisdom of God brought blessings into your life?
3. How has ignoring God's Word led to suffering for you?