"Wisdom's Call"

"Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?"

(Proverbs 8:1)

Wartime Wisdom

2 Samuel 20:15-22 - (15) "And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down. (16) Then a wise woman called from the city, 'Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, come here, that I may speak to you.' (17) And he came near her, and the woman said, 'Are you Joab?' He answered, 'I am.' Then she said to him, 'Listen to the words of your servant.' And he answered, 'I am listening.' (18) Then she said, 'They used to say in former times, 'Let them but ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter. (19) I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the heritage of the LORD?' (20) Joab answered, 'Far be it from me, far be it, that I should swallow up or destroy! (21) That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, called Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city.' And the woman said to Joab, 'Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.' (22) Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king."

The Wise Woman

<u>Proverbs 31:26-29</u> – (26) "<u>She opens her mouth with wisdom</u>, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. (27) She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. (28) Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: (29) Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Key Point: "Wisdom is the Principal Thing; get Wisdom" (Proverbs 4:7 KJV)

To be Wise I must:

(1) Fear God

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." (Proverbs 9:10)

(2) Hear the Word

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance," (Proverbs 1:5)

(3) Walk with the Wise

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Proverbs 13:20)

"The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down." (Proverbs 14:1)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)