

# Proverbs 8

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding give forth her voice? **2** On the top of high places by the way, at the cross-paths she taketh her stand. **3** Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud. **4** Unto you, men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man: **5** O ye simple, understand prudence; and ye foolish, understand sense. **6** Hear, for I will speak excellent things, and the opening of my lips shall be right things. **7** For my palate shall meditate truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. **8** All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing tortuous or perverse in them. **9** They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. **10** Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold: **11** for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not equal to it.

**12** I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find the knowledge which cometh of reflection. **13** The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate. **14** Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am intelligence; I have strength. **15** By me kings reign, and rulers make just decrees; **16** by me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. **17** I love those that love me; and they that seek me early shall find me. **18** Riches and honour are with me; durable wealth and righteousness. **19** My fruit is better than fine gold, yea, than pure gold; and my revenue than choice silver. **20** I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: **21** that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasuries.

**22** Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **23** I was set up from eternity, from the beginning, before the earth was. **24** When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. **25** Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; **26** while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world. **27** When he prepared the heavens I was there; when he ordained the circle upon the face of the deep; **28** when he established the skies above, when the fountains of the deep became strong; **29** when he imposed on the sea his decree that the waters should not pass his commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the earth: **30** then I was by him his nursling, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; **31** rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights were with the sons of men.

**32** And now, sons, hearken unto me, and blessed are they that keep my ways: **33** hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not. **34** Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. **35** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and obtaineth favour of Jehovah; **36** but he that sinneth against me doeth violence to his own soul: all they that hate me love death.