

**Agree or Disagree...**

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**God is holy**

**God is just**

**God is righteous**

**God is love**

**God is wisdom**

# Proverbs

Where in the world is  
Jesus in the Proverbs?

# **Four Views on “Wisdom” in Proverbs**

**Refers  
To  
Christ**

**Wisdom  
Personified**

**Type  
Of  
Christ**

**Goddess  
Sophia**



# Personification

The attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something nonhuman, or the representation of an abstract quality in human form.

# What it's NOT

- A Goddess!
- An actual woman
- Meaningless

# **The “Two Way” Pattern**

- Gen. 2:17 – Good & Evil
- Deut. 30:15 – Life & Death
- Proverbs – Wisdom & Folly

# **“Wisdom” Defined**

“the quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.”

from [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com)

# **“Wisdom” Defined**

“ability to discern inner qualities and relationships : INSIGHT

from Merriam-Webster; 2020

# **“Wisdom” Defined**

**“: accumulated philosophical or scientific learning : KNOWLEDGE”**

**from Merriam-Webster; 2017**

# “Wisdom” Defined

1. Wisdom (*khok-ma*)

a) Skill (Bezalel, Ex. 31:3)

b) Wisdom, shrewdness, prudence  
(Prov. 1:29-30)

# “Wisdom” Defined

## 1. Wisdom (*sophia*)

- a) Broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters



# Proverbs 8

# **The Way of Wisdom**

**“Forsake your folly and live, and  
proceed in the way of  
understanding.”**

**Prov. 9:5**

# But, which Wisdom?

- “wisdom of this world” (1 Cor. 3:19)
- “wisdom of this age” (1 Cor. 2:6)
- “wisdom from above” (James 3:17)

# **By whom do we know wisdom from above?**

- Jesus (Col. 2:6-9)
- Wisdom from above (James 3:17)

# And, how do we get it?

- “the fear of the Lord is the beginning...” (Ps. 111:10; Prov. 9:10, 15:33)
- “For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.” (Prov. 2:6)

# And, how do we get it?

- “from above” (James 3:17)
- “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (Ja. 1:5)

# And, how do we get it?

- The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding. (Prov. 4:7)

# And, how do we get it?

- “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” –Jesus (John 14:6)



There are two ways, the way of the world which leads to death, and the way of Christ, which leads to life.

Which way do you choose?