

²⁰**WISDOM**^{<02451>} shouts in the street,
she lifts her voice in the square;
²¹at the head of the noisy streets **she** cries out;
at the entrance of the gates in the city,
she utters her sayings;

²²How long O **NAIVE ONES** will you **LOVE SIMPLICITY?**
and **SCOFFERS** **Delight themselves in scoffing**
and **FOOLS** **HATE KNOWLEDGE?**

²³Turn to **MY** reproof, behold
I WILL **pour out my spirit upon you;**
I WILL **make my words known to you.**

²⁴Because **I called**
I stretched out my hand

and you **REFUSED**;
and **NO ONE PAID ATTENTION**;
²⁵and you **NEGLECTED** all **my counsel**,
and **DID NOT WANT my reproof**;

²⁶I WILL also **laugh**
I WILL **mock**

at your **calamity**;
when your **dread** comes,
²⁷when your **dread** comes like a storm,
and your **calamity** comes on like a whirlwind,
when **distress** and **anguish** come upon you.

²⁸THEN they will **call on Me**,
they will **seek Me** diligently,

But I WILL NOT **answer**;
But they shall not **find Me**,

²⁹Because they **HATED** knowledge, and
DID NOT CHOOSE the fear of the Lord.
³⁰They **WOULD NOT ACCEPT My counsel**,
They **SPURNED** all **My reproof**.

³¹SO

they shall **EAT THE FRUIT OF THEIR OWN WAY**,
and **BE SATISFIED WITH THEIR OWN DEVICES**.

³²For the **WAYWARDNESS** of the **NAIVE** shall **KILL THEM**,
and the **COMPLACENCY** of **FOOLS** shall **DESTROY THEM**.

³³BUT He who listens to **ME**
shall **LIVE SECURELY**, and
shall **BE AT EASE FROM THE DREAD OF EVIL**.