

SERMON
Wisdom Delivers
Proverbs 2:1-22

Seek wisdom to experience deliverance

1. Wisdom Delivers You to God (v.1-11)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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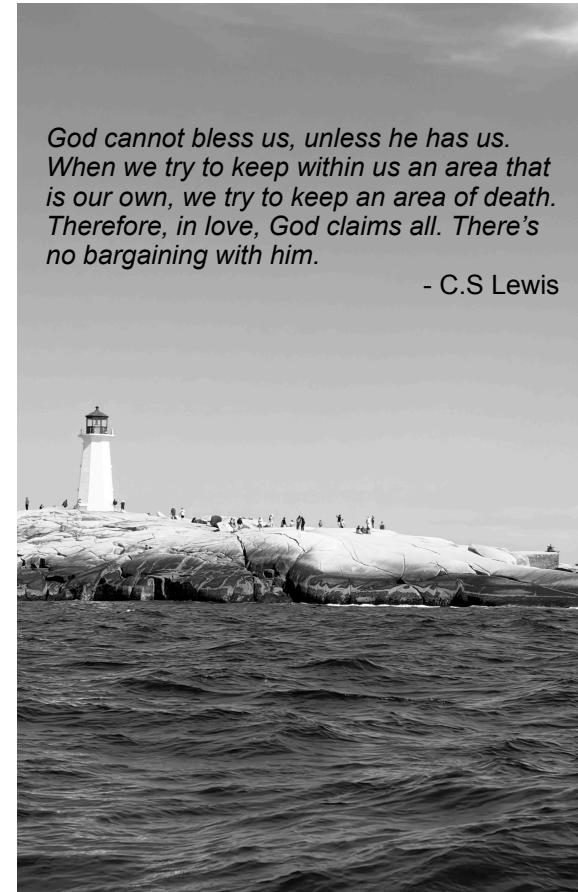
2 My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
3 yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
4 if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
8 guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
10 for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
11 discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you,
12 delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,
13 who forsake the paths of uprightness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
14 who rejoice in doing evil
and delight in the perverseness of evil,
15 men whose paths are crooked,
and who are devious in their ways.

16 So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
17 who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;
18 for her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed;
19 none who go to her come back,
nor do they regain the paths of life.

20 So you will walk in the way of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright will inhabit the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it,
22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

2. Wisdom Delivers You from Evil (v. 12-19)

3. Wisdom Delivers You to God's Place (v. 20-22)



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

August 9, 2026
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church
We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

CHILDREN

There is no Children's ministry on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Downstairs there is an unstaffed nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Service:
Sunday, September 27

Summer Book Club Gathering:

Wednesday, August 26, 7 p.m. A gathering to discuss the summer book "The Enemy Within" at Jim and Dina's house.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Don and Lois Codling

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

People: **We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the
peoples, we will sing praises to you among the
nations.

People: **For your steadfast love is great above the
heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to
the clouds.**

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the
flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the
circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—
¹² remember that you were at that time separated from
Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and
strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and
without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who
once were far off have been brought near by the blood of
Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of
hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments
expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself
one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and
might reconcile us both to God in one body through the
cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came
and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to
those who were near.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the
Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the
household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the
cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined
together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you
also are being built together into a dwelling place for
God by the Spirit.

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on New Testament Reading

SONG OF REFLECTION
Psalm 46

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us
with a love beyond our understanding, and
you have set us on paths of righteousness
for your name’s sake.**

**Yet we have strayed from your way; we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, through what we have done and what
we have left undone. As we remember the
lavish gift of your grace symbolized in
baptism, O God, we praise you and give you
thanks that you forgive us yet again.**

**Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily
to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, and in whose
strong name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those
things that are hidden from memory, or are too
deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving
love. God, who knows us completely, bestows
pardon and peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISM

Maria Grace Woolley

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Give Us Clean Hands
Jesus I Need You

GOSPEL READING
Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he
went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And
behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she
learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s
house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and
standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet
his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her
head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the
ointment.

³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he
said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have
known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching
him, for she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to
him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he
answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five
hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not
pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will
love him more?”

⁴³ Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he
cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have
judged rightly.”

⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you
see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no
water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and
wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from
the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You
did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet
with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are
many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is
forgiven little, loves little.”

⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those
who were at table with him began to say among themselves,
“Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the
woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer to be a hospitable church and prayer for Don and Lois
Codling

THE LORD’S PRAYER

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

SERMON

Wisdom Delivers

Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

BENEDICTION

Leader: ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more
abundantly than all that we ask or
think, according to the power at work within
us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and
ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who
love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

