

is the Lord Jesus Christ who is called the wisdom of God in I Cor. 1:24? Where is the statement that says that is so? The two facts are so, but nowhere in the Word of God does it say that the wisdom of God in Proverbs 8 is the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, as you study this passage, you find that it is not the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have a lot of good friends that want to say that it is the Lord Jesus Christ. But it is not. This is referring to one of God's attributes. It is referring to the attribute of wisdom, and it is taking that attribute of wisdom and it is personifying it. It is picturing that attribute as a person. You have this in I Cor. 13 where it says, "Love suffereth long, and is kind." That is the personification of love. It is taking love and presenting love as a person. And here you have an attribute of God--His wisdom--and it is personified. It is represented as a person.

Now, look at verse 22. It says, "The Lord possessed me." It is true that if you look up this word in the Hebrew dictionary, one of the meanings that is given by B.D.B. is "to get" in the sense of "to create." He gives five references, and this is one, where the word that is used here means "to create." But something very interesting we have to keep in mind is this: that if you take the five passages that are listed in the Hebrew dictionary, and you look up this word, you cannot use one of those passages as having to mean "to create" in context. In other words, you cannot take a passage and say, the word can only mean create here. It cannot mean anything else. Because in every one of those passages the word can just as well mean "possess" as to mean "create." But, since the Hebrew dictionary lists "create" as one of the meanings, we will admit that the word can mean "to create." But the word can also mean "to possess." So here is one possible meaning: "to create," and another possible meaning: "to possess." Which