"You Did It"
Proverbs 1:20-33

C.I.T.—Wisdom cannot be blamed for the distress of willful ignorance.
C.I.S.—If you experience distress due to willful ignorance, you only have you to blame.
Purpose—I want people to choose wisdom now, before it is too late.
Introduction—"You Did It"

I. ***Wisdom's Address***—vs 20-23
   a. *Wisdom is Available*.
      i. Her wisdom is personified, not deified.
      ii. She is a street preacher—proclaiming her message in the most public places.
      iii. Streets, plaza, head of the bustle, and entry of the gates
      iv. Cries aloud, raises voice, calls out, and gives speech.
      v. Wisdom is not something that is hidden in a cave or held by a secret society of people.
      vi. It is a readily available source of information.
   b. *Wisdom is Approachable*.
      i. Simpletons, scoffers, stupid
      ii. Love simplicity, delight in scoffing, hate knowledge
      iii. They are without wisdom, because they want to be.
      iv. They love their sin to the degree that they are unwilling to entertain the Lord and His wisdom.
      v. Respond= repentance, a change in mind
      vi. Wisdom doesn't want to destroy these sinner, but to offer grace and an opportunity to repent.
   c. *Wisdom is Actionable*
      i. This repentance require a recognition of wrong direction in humility and then a turning to the right way by faith.
      ii. The warning is a reproof or argument—refers to the message wisdom if preaching
      iii. The result would be a relationship with Wisdom that would result in the investment of the spirit and the words of wisdom needed to live life.
   d. Illus.—Wrong Way sign—it isn't there to take up space—not only Wrong Way, but also "detour"
   e. Application
      i. By default, we are going the "wrong way" because of sin, we are headed to hell.
      ii. The gospel message communicates that sinners are going the wrong way, that Jesus is the right way, and that we should repent and turn to Him.
      iii. Aren't you thankful for a gracious God who is willing to give us a warning and an alternate route instead of just letting us go into that danger?

II. ***Wisdom's Admonition*** vs 24-31
   a. *Fool's Rejection*
      i. Called, stretched out hand, gave counsel, gave arguments
      ii. You refused, paid no attention, let go, and did not accept.
      iii. The offer of a relationship with God through Jesus was offered, and yet rejected by these people.
      iv. They loved their sin more than their own safety and security.
   b. *Fool's Results*
      i. Calamity, terror, trouble, distress

ii. This comes like a gale and a storm—hurricane
iii. Sometimes the fairest weather is right before the storm, but once the storm hits, there is nothing you can do about it.

c. *Fool's Reprieve*
i. Now he calls to wisdom for help.
ii. Wisdom is too busy laughing.
iii. It is too late, there is no reprieve.
iv. They had an option to avoid this type of calamity, but chose to reject it.
v. Illus.—insurance—you pay for it when you don't need it, so that when you do need it you aren't paying for it

d. *Fool's Reality*
i. They hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD.
ii. Accepting wisdom equals fearing the LORD
iii. It wasn't a rejection of the principles taught, but in the one teaching them.
iv. Illus.—You made your bed, now you must lie in it.

e. Illus.—The Rich Man and Lazarus—he wanted salvation way after he couldn't get it.
f. Application
i. We must accept Christ while we can.
ii. There will be a day when it is too late to do so.
iii. What you do with Jesus in this life will determine how you spend your next life.

III. ***Wisdom's Application*** vs. 32-33
a. *Apostasy*—rejection of truth and acceptance of falsehood as truth
i. Those who are simple and reject wisdom, end up accepting falsehood, and thus apostatize.
ii. They are also complacent—instead of acting when they should, they maintain a laziness.
iii. This is willful ignorance.
iv. The end will be death and destruction.

b. *Acceptance*
i. Listen—accept and apply wisdom to one's life.
ii. Dwell securely and live at ease.
iii. From the dread of evil
iv. No worry about the ultimate destruction.

c. Illus.—**Matthew 7:24-27**
d. Application
i. How you respond to Jesus makes all the difference.
ii. You can love your ways and your sin, and procrastinate to accept Christ, but at some point you will have to face the music.

Conclusion

- You have had access to the gospel message, and He wants to save you.
- If you end up with distress in this life or in hell, you cannot blame God.
- You did it!
- You have a chance to respond, before it's too late.