

Proverbs 8:22-30

This chapter starts out addressing “**wisdom.**” Notice how 1 Corinthians 1:24 and 30 address this issue saying that Christ is wisdom.

“**Christ** the power of God, and the **wisdom** of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:24

“**Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us **wisdom.**” 1 Corinthians 1:30

Ellen White applies Proverbs 8:22-30 directly to Christ in *Patriarchs and Prophets* 34.1 by saying, “the Son of God declares concerning Himself...”

Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

Possessed:

Out of the 85 translations, most, “**bought**” = 21, “**buy**” = 18 (Similar to Luke 2:34-35?).

Beginning:

Out of the 51 translations, most, “**beginning**” = 18, “**firstfruits**” = 11.

Way:

Out of the 704 translations, most, “**way**” = 462, “**ways**” = 164, “**journey**” = 23.

Before:

Out of the 87 translations, most, “**east**” = 34, “**old**” = 17, “**eastward**” = 11.

Works:

Out of the 3 translations, most, “**works**” = 3. See Psalms 46:8, 66:5.

Proverbs 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Set up:

Out of the 25 translations, most, “**out**” = 12, “**cover**” = 3, “**poured**” = 3. (David, as a king/prophet, represents Christ. In 1 Samuel 16:13 David was anointed as a young boy. He was then anointed by Judah, and also Israel: 2 Samuel 2:4, 2 Samuel 5:3. Christ was anointed at His being begotten, His baptism, then His inauguration for His priestly ministry in the Heavens.)

Everlasting:

Out of the 439 translations, most, “**ever**” = 271, “**everlasting**” = 64.

Beginning:

Out of the 600 translations, most, “**head**” = 264, “**chief**” = 95, “**heads**” = 85, “**top**” = 65.

Ever:

Out of the 87 translations, most, “**east**” = 34, “**old**” = 17, “**eastward**” = 11.

Earth:

Out of the 2505 translations, most, “**land**” = 1509, “**earth**” = 711.

Proverbs 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Depths:

Out of the 36 translations, most, “**deep**” = 18, “**depths**” = 10.

Forth:

Out of the 62 translations, “**pain**” = 6, “**formed**” = 5, “**forth**” = 4, “**pained**” = 4, “**calve**” = 2 (for “calve” see Job 39:1 and Psalm 29:9).

Fountains:

Out of the 23 translations, most, “**fountain**” = 9, “**fountains**” = 7, “**wells**” = 3.

Abounding:

Out of the 116 translations, most, “**honour**” = 21, “**heavy**” = 16.

Water:

Out of the 580 translations, most, “**water**” = 306, “**waters**” = 266.

Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

Mountains:

Out of the 546 translations, most, “**mount**” = 224, “**mountains**” = 155.

Settled:

Out of the 10 translations, most, “**sunk**” = 5, “**sink**” = 2.

Before:

Out of the 2125 translations, most, “**before**” = 1165, “**face**” = 328, “**presence**” = 75.

Forth:

Out of the 62 translations, “**pain**” = 6, “**formed**” = 5, “**forth**” = 4, “**pained**” = 4, “**calve**” = 2.

Proverbs 8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

Made:

Out of the 2630 translations, most, “**do**” = 601, “**made**” = 394.

Fields:

Out of the 165 translations, most, “**without**” = 70, “**streets**” = 35.

Part:

Out of the 600 translations, most, “**head**” = 264, “**chief**” = 95, “**heads**” = 85, “**top**” = 65.

Dust:

Out of the 111 translations, most, “**dust**” = 92, “**earth**” = 8, “**powder**” = 3.

World:

Out of the 36 translations, most, “**world**” = 35, “**part**” = 1.

Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

Prepared:

Out of the 218 translations, most, “**prepared**” = 53, “**established**” = 44.

Heavens:

Out of the 421 translations, most, “**heaven**” = 288, “**heavens**” = 109.

Set:

Out of the 19 translations, most, “**lawgiver**” = 6, “**decree**” = 2 (See Job 38:11).

Compass:

Out of the 3 translations, most, “**circle**” = 1, “**circuit**” = 1.

Face:

Out of the 2125 translations, most, “**before**” = 1165, “**face**” = 328, “**presence**” = 75.

Depth:

Out of the 36 translations, most, “**deep**” = 18, “**depths**” = 10.

Proverbs 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

Established:

Out of the 41 translations, most, “**courage**” = 9, “**strengthen**” = 7, “**strong**” = 5.

Clouds:

Out of the 21 translations, most, “**clouds**” = 11, “**skies**” = 5, “**heaven**” = 2.

Above:

Out of the 138 translations, most, “**upward**” = 59, “**above**” = 52.

Strengthened:

Out of the 12 translations, most, “**strengthened**” = 3, “**prevailed**” = 2.

Fountains:

Out of the 890 translations, most, “**eyes**” = 420, “**sight**” = 217, “**eye**” = 76, “**pleased**” = 18.

Deep:

Out of the 36 translations, most, “**deep**” = 18, “**depths**” = 10.

Proverbs 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Gave:

Out of the 584 translations, most, “**put**” = 142, “**set**” = 113, “**make**” = 64, “**made**” = 48.

Sea:

Out of the 396 translations, most, “**sea**” = 297, “**west**” = 47, “**seas**” = 23.

Decree:

Out of the 127 translations, most, “**statues**” = 74, “**statute**” = 13, “**decree**” = 7.

Waters:

Out of the 580 translations, most, “**water**” = 306, “**waters**” = 266.

Pass:

Out of the 556 translations, most, “**over**” = 171, “**pass**” = 67.

Commandment:

Out of the 498 translations, most, “**mouth**” = 329, “**commandment**” = 37, “**edge**” = 35.

Appointed:

Out of the 19 translations, most, “**lawgiver**” = 6, “**decree**” = 2.

Foundations:

Out of the 8 translations, most, “**foundations**” = 8.

Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

Him:

Out of the 60 translations, most, “**by**” = 23, “**beside**” = 12, “**him**” = 5.

Brought Up:

Out of the 1 translations, most, “**one brought up**” = 1 (Training, as an architect).

Daily:

Out of the 286 translations, most, “**day**” = 175, “**days**” = 79, “**year**” = 5, “**daily**” = 3.

Delight:

Out of the 9 translations, most, “**delight**” = 4, “**delights**” = 3, “**pleasant**” = 2.

Rejoicing:

Out of the 36 translations, most, “**laugh**” = 8, “**play**” = 5, “**played**” = 3, “**sport**” = 3.

Always:

Out of the 296 translations, most, “**time**” = 233, “**times**” = 24, “**season**” = 14.

Before Him:

Out of the 2125 translations, most, “**before**” = 1165, “**face**” = 328, “**presence**” = 75.