



Happy
Mother's Day



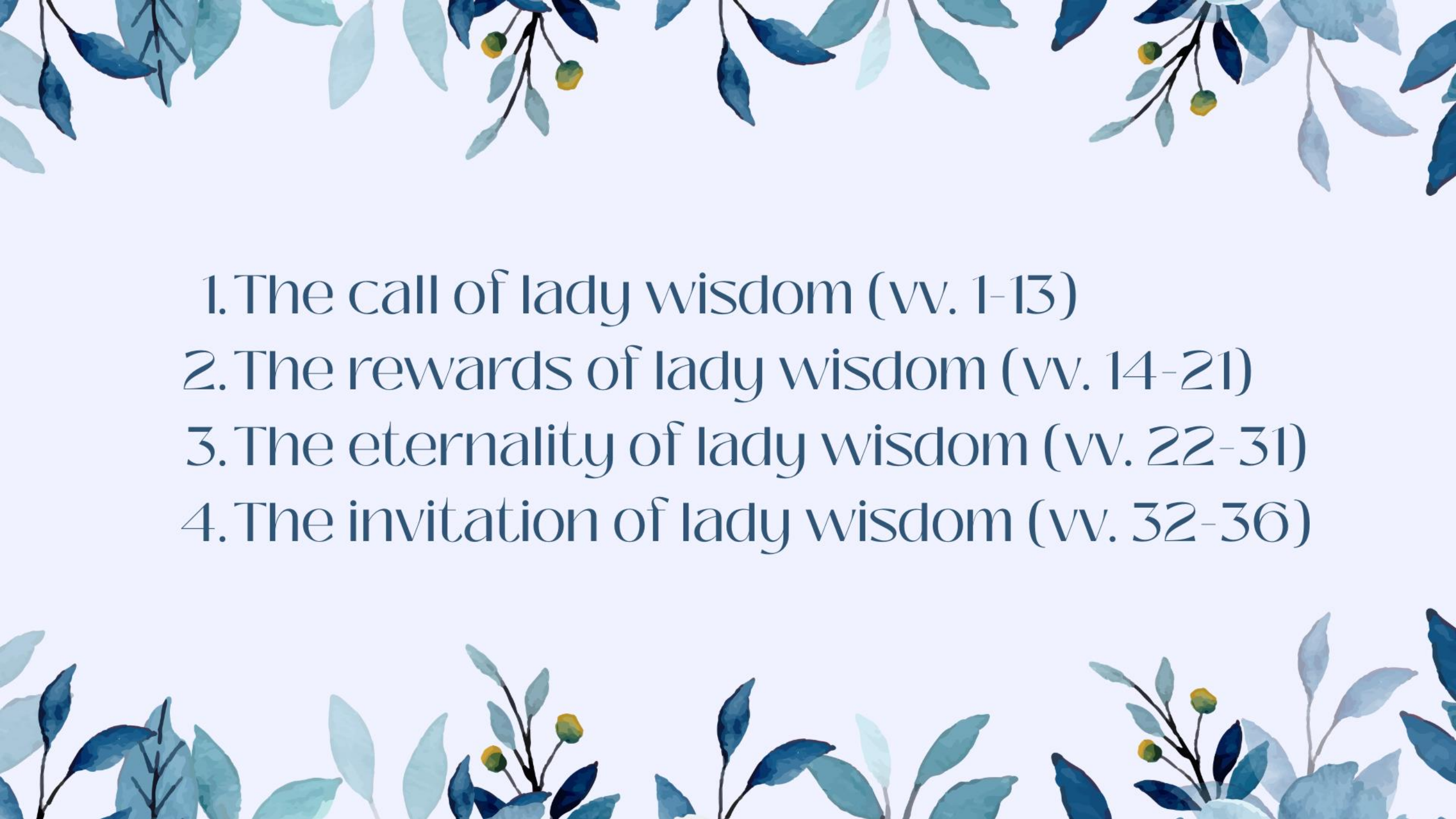


Choosing the Call of Wisdom

Proverbs 8



Wisdom is a way of living, thinking,
and relating that honors God and blesses people.

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1. The call of lady wisdom (vv. 1-13)
 2. The rewards of lady wisdom (vv. 14-21)
 3. The eternality of lady wisdom (vv. 22-31)
 4. The invitation of lady wisdom (vv. 32-36)



The call of lady wisdom (vv. 1-13)

To everyone!

Listen as Wisdom calls out!

Hear as understanding raises her voice!

On the hilltop along the road,

she takes her stand at the crossroads.

By the gates at the entrance to the town,

on the road leading in, she cries aloud.






The rewards of lady wisdom (vv. 14-21)

Material or immaterial?

I have riches and honor,
as well as enduring wealth and justice.
My gifts are better than gold, even the purest gold,
my wages better than sterling silver!





The eternality of lady wisdom (vv. 22-31)
Older than matter, utilized by God in creation

When he gave the sea its boundary
so that the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was the craftsman at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence.






The invitation of lady wisdom (vv. 32-36)

Finding joy, finding life

And so, my children, listen to me,
for all who follow my ways are joyful.

Listen to my instruction and be wise. Don't ignore it.

Joyful are those who listen to me,
watching for me daily at my gates,
waiting for me outside my home!





We must choose...

- Lady wisdom (9:1-6)
 - "Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment."
- Lady folly (9:13-18)
 - "The woman named Folly is brash... Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!"

