



Scripture Readings September 20th

Proverbs 8:1-3, 14-31

Look Wisdom calls out,
and discernment lifts her voice.
At the top of the heights, on the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand,
by the gates, at the city's entrance,
at the approach to the portals she shouts:
Mine is counsel and prudence,
I am Discernment, mine is might.
Through me kings reign,
and rulers decree righteous laws.
Through me princes hold sway,
and nobles, all the judges of earth.
I, all my lovers I love,
and my seekers do find me.
Riches and honour are with me,
long-lasting wealth and righteousness.
My fruit is better than all fine gold,
and my yield, than the choicest silver.
On the path of righteousness I walk,
within the ways of justice,
to pass substance on to my lovers,
and their storehouses to fill.
The Lord created me at the outset of His way,
the very first of His works of old.
In remote eons I was shaped,
at the start of the first things of earth.
When there were no deeps I was spawned,
when there were no wellsprings, water sources.
Before mountains were anchored,
before hills I was spawned.
He had yet not made earth and open land,
and the world's first clods of soil.
When he founded the heavens, I was there,
when He traced a circle on the face of the deep,
when He propped up the skies above,
when He powered the springs of the deep,
when He set to the sea its limit,
that the waters not flout His command,
when He strengthened the earth's foundations.

And I was by Him, an intimate,
I was His delight day after day,
playing before Him at all times,
playing in the world, His earth,
and my delight with humankind.

Exodus 16:9-15

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.