

# Readings for Sunday, September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

## Proverbs 1:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup>At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup>How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup>Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup>Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup>and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

<sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>27</sup>when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup>Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

<sup>30</sup>would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,

<sup>31</sup>therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

<sup>32</sup>For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

<sup>33</sup>but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

## James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.