



Proverbs 9:1–18

¹ Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars; ² She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table. ³ She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city, ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.

Proverbs 9:1–18

⁶ Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding. ⁷ “He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. ⁸ Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 9:1–18

¹⁰ “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you. ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone.” ¹³ A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing. ¹⁴ For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city,

Proverbs 9:1–18


¹⁵ To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way: ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here”; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.



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Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars

WISDOM



Jas. 3:17

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

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² She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table.

WISDOM

A table is spread (2)




A feast is prepared for all who will answer the invitation from wisdom.

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² She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table.

WISDOM

A table is spread (2)



- Good food & mixed wine are on the furnished table
- “mixed her wine.” *Wine was diluted with water as much as 1 to 8, to reduce its power to intoxicate.*
- Unmixed wine is called strong drink (20:1; 31:6; Lev. 10:9; Isa. 28:7).

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WISDOM

A table is spread (2)

Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.

- The language is figurative for God's wisdom being provided for all who will listen and believe.
- God's feast — Isa. 55:1-2; Matt. 22:1-10
- God's Wisdom is His Word

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³ She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,

WISDOM

An invitation is given (3-6)




- Maidens sent so all can hear — Jer. 25:4; Matt. 28:19-20
- All are invited to the feast
- “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” (the one who lacks understanding)

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WISDOM

An invitation is given (3-6)



- All are invited to feed upon God's Word.
- Must “forsake foolishness & go in the way of understanding”
- God's Word, when heeded, will never leave us where we ARE! — Lk. 13:3

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WISDOM

Reactions to reproof (7-9)

⁷ "He who corrects a **scoffer** gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a **wicked** man only harms himself. ⁸ Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you.

- The true character of an individual is revealed when they are reproof.
- Some (*scoffers & wicked*) are unteachable — **Jn. 3:19-21**

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WISDOM

Reactions to reproof (7-9)

⁸ ... Rebuke a **wise** man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

- The true character of an individual is revealed when they are reproof.
- Those who *are wise want to do God's Will* - **1 Pet. 2:2**
- They are humble and thus teachable

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Prerequisite To Wisdom (10)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

- One will never gain true wisdom UNTIL & UNLESS one gains true reverence for GOD.
- The fear of the Lord **is** wisdom - **Job 28:28**
- The whole duty of man — **Ecc. 12:13**

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WISDOM

The Incentive of Wisdom (9:11-12)

¹¹ For me your

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

- By wisdom one avoids a premature death experienced by those who choose the path of evil.
- Jesus expanded and explained such promises with the concept of eternal life. — (**Jn. 11:25**)

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FOLLY

The House of Folly (9:13-15)

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

- Folly, the rival of wisdom, is represented here as an adulteress—symbolizing a life of vice and evil. - (**Jas. 4:4**)

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FOLLY

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¹³ A foolish woman is

clamorous; She is **simple**, and **knows nothing**.

¹⁴ For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city,

- 3 adjectives describe her:
 - **"clamorous"** - turbulent, and controlled by passion
 - **"thoughtless"** - without safeguard or restraint
 - **"knows nothing"** - Willful & persistent ignorance

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- She Makes Herself Visible
- She sits at the door of her house

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FOLLY

The Invitation of Folly (9:16-17)

¹⁵ To call to those who pass by, **who go straight on their way;**
¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here";
 And as for **him who lacks understanding,** she says to him, ¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

- She Makes Her Voice Heard
- "Calls out to those who go straight on their way"
- "Him who lacks understanding"

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FOLLY

The End of Folly (9:18)

¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.

- Sin Brings Death
 - Though her invitation may seem attractive, the end result is not life (v. 11); it is death.
 - Sin brings immediate spiritual death, and if not escaped, will result in eternal separation from God.

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Which One Will We Choose? — Life or Death?

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13