

Proverbs 9

I. The Contrast Between Wisdom and Folly

A. Wisdom

1. Her Provision - vs 1-2
 - a. The Permanence of Her Wisdom Dwelling - Mt 16:18; Eph 2:20-22; 1Pe 2:5
 - i. She has built her house,
 - ii. She has hewn out her seven pillars;
 - b. The Meal Offered - Mt 22:3-4
 - i. She has slaughtered her meat,
 - ii. She has mixed her wine,
 - iii. She has also furnished her table.
2. Her Universal Invitation - vs 3-6
 - a. Multiple Means of Invitation
 - i. She has sent out her maidens, - Ro 10:15
 - ii. She cries out from the highest places of the city, - Pr 8:1-2;
 - b. Multiple Invitees - Mt 11:25
 - i. "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
 - ii. As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, - Pr 6:32
 - c. The Invitation
 - i. The Appetizer - Pr 9:2
 - "Come, eat of my bread - 9:2
 - And drink of the wine I have mixed. - Song 5:1; Isa 55:1; Jo 6:27
 - ii. The Encouragement of this relationship
 - Forsake foolishness and live,
 - And go in the way of understanding.
3. Dealing with the Invitees - vs 7-9
 - a. The Scoffer or Wicked - Mt 7:6
 - i. "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
 - ii. And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
 - iii. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
 - b. The Wise Man - Ps 141:5; Mt 13:12
 - i. Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
 - ii. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
 - iii. Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
4. Rewards for the Responsive Invitee - vs 10-12
 - a. A Corrected Relationship with the Lord
 - i. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, - Job 28:28; Ps 111:10; Pr 1:7
 - ii. And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

b. Long Life and Personal Gain or Loss

i. For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you. - Pr 3:2,16; 10:27

ii. Personal gain or loss - Job 35:6-7; Pr 16:26

- If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,

- And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

B. Folly - vs 13-18

1. Her Character - vs 13

a. A foolish woman is clamorous - Pr 7:11

b. She is simple, and knows nothing.

2. Her Invitation - vs 14-15

a. For she sits at the door of her house - Pr 9:3

b. On a seat by the highest places of the city,

c. To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

3. Her Preferred Audience - vs 16; Pr 9:4

a. "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here";

b. And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

4. Her Offering

a. "Stolen water is sweet, - Pr 20:17

b. And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

5. The End of Her Invitees - vs 18; Pr 2:18; 7:27

a. But he does not know that the dead are there,

b. That her guests are in the depths of hell.