



Two Prominent Calls We Get Every Day

Proverbs 9:1-18

1. The call of Wisdom to the simple (9:1-6, 8b-9, 11)
 - a. She's prepared her house to feed (1)
 - b. She feeds & nourishes the naive (2)
 - c. Her messengers cry out to all (3)
 - d. The ignorant benefit the most (4)
 - e. She guarantees her products (5; cf. Isa 55:1-2; John 6:51-56)
 - f. Her desire is to spare the simple from death (6)
 - g. Those who respond to Wisdom truly fear God
 - h. They respond positively to rebuke (8b)
 - i. They continually grow in their knowledge (9)
 - j. They enjoy their lives (11)
2. The call of Folly to party hearty (9:12-18)
 - a. Her ways are shameless and without any substance (13)
 - b. She is everywhere the people are, making her case (14)
 - c. She preys on the naive, those going quiet about their way (15)
 - d. She isn't shy about her message, calling all who lack knowledge (16)
 - e. She promises that being bad feels real good (17)
 - f. Her message omits the fact that her path leads to hell (18)
 - g. Those who listen to Folly reject correction (7-8a)
 - h. Scoffers are responsible for their ultimate fate (12b)
3. Two paths noted from the beginning
 - a. Past: Adam & Eve
 - b. Middle: Christ's call to repent (Matt 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24)
 - c. Present: The Church's responsibility to be Wisdom's voice
 - d. NOTE: scoffers aren't even invited to Wisdom's feast (cf. Matt 7:6)