

PROVERBS 9 - The Way of Wisdom!

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Review – Chapter 8 - Now in chapter eight, he begins to speak about wisdom. He personifies wisdom, so that as he talks about wisdom, we actually see a personification of Jesus Christ. “For *in Christ*”, the Bible says, (Col 2:3) *in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*. So, when you talk about wisdom, you are talking about the Lord.

Chapter 9 - Continuing in the praise of wisdom. Comparing, giving an invitation to the way of Wisdom and the way of Folly!

The Way of Wisdom

Pro 9:1 *Wisdom has built her house* (church, wisdom’s house), ***She has hewn out her seven pillars;***

- Wisdom has built her house, personifying wisdom in Christ. Christ has built His church! The church is Wisdom’s house, to which she invites her guests, supported by the power and promise of God, as by seven pillars.
- Seven...the number for many, or a sufficiency, completion. (*Jas 3:17*) *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. (Pro 6:31) Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.*

Pro 9:2 *She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table* (a splendid feast).

- Wisdom from God is being offered to man as a great feast!

Pro 9:3 *She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,*

Pro 9:4 *"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,*

Pro 9:5 *"Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.* The best,

- (*Luk 14:23*) *Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Pro 9:6 *Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.*

- Every single person in the whole world has the opportunity to live a quality-of-life way beyond our own wisdom because the availability of the wisdom from above!
- Wisdom is there, the best! It is prepared for those that would seek it. The invitation is, is there for you to come, to learn. Now we get into proverbs, and this is a book of Proverbs, but as I said, not every verse is a proverb. Here is a proverb...

Pro 9:7 *"He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.*

- Scoffer – one who forsakes the wisdom of God, who ignores the call to the wisdom of God.
- If you correct a scoffer, all they are going to do is turn on you, and you just get to yourself shame.
- That is, a black eye! Consider how often when witnessing for Christ, people will scoff at the Gospel!

Pro 9:8 *Do not correct a scoffer* (wicked, mockers), ***lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.***

- If you correct a scoffer, he is just going to turn on you. He is going to hate you. If you have a wise man, and you say, “You know, that isn’t the way that should be done, you should do it this way,” a wise man will say, “Oh! Thank you! I so appreciate that!” So be aware whom you correct.

Pro 9:9 *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning* (the Word of God).

- These are proverbs. We are getting several little proverbs in a row here. This is why it is called the book of Proverbs. These are the things that Solomon said that brought him fame as authoring over three thousand proverbs. Then he declares...

Pro 9:10 *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One* (knowing God) ***is understanding.***

- Do you want to be wise? Learn to reverence, to fear God. Have that holy fear of God! That kind of a fear that is not a scared kind of a fear, where you are over in the corner just shaking, and saying, "Oh I'm afraid God's going to come!" But it is that respect, that reverence, that awe of God, as you realize the greatness of God, the wisdom and the power of God! You look at the universe, and you are made aware of how powerful God is. It is just that, "Oh! The Lord is so great!" Have that kind of fear!

Pro 9:11 For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.

- Sin follows a lack of wisdom from above. Sin shortens life!

Pro 9:12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

The Way of Folly

Pro 9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.

- Solomon had these experiences of course, with many women, having seven hundred wives, and three hundred concubines. Some interesting things about women, that he probably garnered out of his own experiences.

Pro 9:14 For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city,

Pro 9:15 To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

- So, there she is. She is loud, she is brash, as men pass by, she is calling to them.

Pro 9:16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here"; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

Pro 9:17 "Stolen water is sweet (don't go there!), And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

- The message of the harlot, always present in every culture, which is the wisdom of the world, so lacking, totally deficient, in any depth at all! Desire is greater than capacity!

Pro 9:18 But he does not know (the secret of this inviter) that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.

- Solomon's instructions. There is much wisdom there. God help us to be wise. Whose guest will you be? Wisdom or folly?

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS Hillsong – Darlene Zschech (4:26)

Show me Your ways That I may walk with You Show me Your ways I put my hope in You

The cry of my heart Is to love You more To live with the Touch of Your hand

Stronger each day Show me Your ways

Show me Your ways That I may walk with You

Show me Your ways I put my hope in You (3X)

The cry of my heart Is to love You more To live with the Touch of Your hand

Stronger each day Show me Your ways (2X)

Stronger each day Show me Your ways

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