

PROVERBS 9 vs 1

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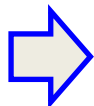
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These Proverbs were first read by the royal families; the House of Judah, who were the Praise of God; and the House of Israel those who claimed to be Ruled by God. In them, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. It is crystal clear royalty and people of privilege fell off the wagon; nevertheless, the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



Christ and sin are rivals for the soul of man, and here we are told how they both make their court to it, to have the innermost and uppermost place in it -- Matthew Henry. Solomon, for being a smart guy, he was pretty stupid. So many scholars love to point out Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. Hmm? When did he have time to be a thoughtful king? They fail to point out: Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends -- 1 Kings 11. And you wonder, when did he have time to be a thoughtful father and king? We know he ended his life saying: he played the fool. We know most of the kingdom was taken from him... and then he died -- since he had done evil in the sight of the Lord.

The Way of Wisdom,



¹ Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars / built on the grace of God and upheld by the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

² She has slaughtered the fatlings / the meat is on the BBQ; she has blended her wine; she has also furnished her table.

³ She has sent out her maidens to call out from the heights of the city,

⁴ whoever is a naive, let him turn in here: to him who lacks understanding, she says,

⁵ Come, eat My food, and drink the wine that I have blended.

⁶ Forsake your foolish ways and live; continue in the way of understanding.

The Way of Wisdom is found in Psalm 1, do not stand in the way of sinners, do not sit in the seat of scoffers, but let your delight be in the law of the Lord.

⁷ He who corrects a scoffer only gets dishonor: he who corrects a wicked man gets insulted / notice, Wisdom does not address the scoffer, nor the lawless: this would be giving what is holy to dogs, and casting pearls before swine -- Matthew 7 as Dr. Dallas Willard said, pigs don't know what to do with pearls.

⁸ Do not correct a scorner, lest he hate you: correct a wise man, and he will love you.

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⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be wiser still: teach a right man, and his learning will increase.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

knowledge of the Holy is understanding / and again, if we are without the fear of God, then all the teaching in the world will be of no benefit; to know the Most Holy One is to know what understanding means; so the only knowledge worth having, that is of benefit for the practical purposes of life, is the knowledge of God our Creator – The Pulpit Commentary.

¹¹ For by Me your days will be multiplied, and the years of your life will be increased.

¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself: if you are a scoffer, you -- alone will bear it.

The Way of Folly; the Marked Contrast to Wisdom,



¹³ A foolish woman is boisterous, she is a simpleton and knows nothing / she's a brazen, turbulent loud mouth; willfully and recklessly being ignorant, she is opened to all forms of evil.

¹⁴ For she sits at the doorway of her house, on a seat by the high places of the city / her house is in the highest and most conspicuous part of the city, and she sits before her door plying her trade – most likely with her legs ever so slightly spread,

¹⁵ calling to herself those who pass by, who are keeping straight in their ways / her position is as prominent as that of **Wisdom**, imitating her voice, making the same offer to the same class; calling to those who are about their business, thinking nothing of her; with no thought to deviate from their objective:

¹⁶ whoever is naive, let him turn in here: and as for him who wants understanding, she says to him / these verses contain the same invitation in which Vice imitates Virtue; the Foolish imitates Wisdom, and assumes her voice and manner, and offers to the travelers: who are devoid of sense:

¹⁷ Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is delicious / Augustine relates this to how he and some companions committed a theft, not from need, nor from the wish to enjoy what was stolen, but simply for the pleasure of thieving and sinning. They robbed a pear tree by night, carried off great loads, which they flung to the pigs, and their only satisfaction was doing what they should not do. Proverb 5 said this metaphor of **stolen waters are sweet** – has to do with an adulterous fling with a faithless nobody; instead of not drinking from your own, clean cistern.

Remember how this Proverb began:

Wisdom prepared a sumptuous feast of fine dining, and she invited the passers-by to partake; while the foolish woman offered those same passers-by: some bread and water; Wisdom offered a furnished table; the strange woman, offered a secret meal for the poor and impoverished.

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18 But he knows not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

...entering, the simpleton does not even consider that her guests are the living dead; not only on the way to hell, or on the brink of it, but in the very midst of it; there are many in her garbage dump that she has persuaded to turn in and fornicate with her. They are even the living dead who worship the beast, who spiritually adulterate with the great whore. Not only do strong desires and abandoned seducers prove fatal to the souls of men; but false teachers, with doctrines that flatter pride and give liberty to strong desires, they also destroy thousands.

The **Order / Disorder** pdf that I put together is overly simplified; but **Dr. Dallas Willard of USC** had a good way of explaining complex truths; such as how we are asked to daily refresh our spirit, mind, soul and body, that we might properly and effectively serve our great God and Savior.

God who is spirit, must be worshiped in spirit and in truth. He never compromises who He is. Once He came and paid a terrible debt we could not pay; He does not plan to repay that debt. The next time we see the Lord, He will come in power and great glory. Dr. Willard said, we know God is powerful, and if His power is anything like electricity, then He is dangerous; and we better learn how to approach Him correctly. If you're not refreshing your mind daily with the word and ways of God, and you're spending most of your time pampering your body, you probably are losing in the race of faith.



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3 Days are still on His Calendar

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses