

Proverbs 9 — “An Invitation To You from Wisdom & from Folly: Which Do You Choose?”

- PROVERBS 9 has urgency in it = two people, two voices, two invitations, one to LIFE & one to DEATH.

There are TWO women crying out in this section ...

1. Lady wisdom – wise woman (9:1-6) who CALLS OUT to you >> leads to life!
2. Boisterous woman – the sensual woman (9:13-18) who CALLS OUT to you >> leads to death

THE WAY OF WISDOM CONSTANTLY REMINDS US OF THE TWO OPTIONS [see Psalm 1]
 way of the WICKED //unrighteous //ungodly // death // deceptive satisfaction
 way of the RIGHTEOUS // righteous // godly // life //delightful satisfaction

Background to Proverbs 9

- This **Truth For Youth**; This **Skill For Living** is **needed!**
- We need Proverbs 9 reminded to us again and again and again.
- Two foundational realities we cannot miss:
 - Original Sin —
 - Transformational Power —

THESIS — Prov 9 sums up the entire Prov 1-8 unit with 2 (two) Invitations that call out to you

I. ACCEPT WISDOM’S INVITATION! (1-6)

- *V.7-12 are amazing >> sandwiched between the two invitations!* these verses show 2 responses -- the kind of response to each **invitation**

- v.10 - Fearing God includes 4 links of a chain all connected:
 - ❖ **AWE/ADORATION** — worship God
 - ❖ **AFFIRMATION** — affirm who God is

Proverbs 9 — “An Invitation To You from Wisdom & from Folly: Which Do You Choose?”❖ **AFFECTION** — to love God❖ **AMBITION** — to will to obey God**II. AVOID FOLLY’S INVITATION! (13-18)****Remember: nothing is hidden from the LORD! God is all-seeing: omniscient.**

The eyes of the adulterer waits for the twilight saying; “no one will see me” (Job 24.15)

God’s eyes are on their ways (Job 24.23)

No creature hidden from God’s sight (Hebrews 4.13)

The ways are not hidden from God; nor is any iniquity concealed from his eyes (Jer 16.17)

You are not hidden from me; you have played the harlot & sinned (Hosea 5.3)

REMEMBER: Many ‘eat’ on earth what they must ‘digest’ forever in hell.

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- Matthew 22:1-14 - an invitation to a Feast — The ultimate Feast!

The gate of mercy is opened, and over the door it is written: “THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTANCE: THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS!” Between that word “save” and “Sinners” is no adjective. It doesn’t say repentant sinners, or awakened sinners, or grieving sinners, or guilty sinners, or alarmed sinners. No, it just says SINNERS. YOU COME TO CHRIST with nothing in your hands – as a sinner, come to him today! (Spurgeon)

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.