

## THE WISDOM OF GOD

“The Anatomy of a Fall”



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### INTRODUCTION

- Ch.1 - **Lecture 1:** To entice to give oneself to Wisdom through the proverbs and sayings throughout the book with warnings to the rejection of Lady Wisdom
- Ch.2 - **Lecture 2:** How to seek Wisdom, the results, and protection
- Ch.3-4 - **Collection 1:** Collection of proverbial “blocks”
- Ch.5 - **Lecture 3:** Warning against Foolish Woman, devastation of adultery, and blessing of conjugal love
- Ch.6 - **Collection 2:** Collection of proverbial “blocks”, with larger section focusing on Foolish woman
- Ch.7 - **Lecture 4:** Narrative of the foolish youth falling into the trap of Foolish Woman - “The Anatomy of a Fall”

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### OPENING REMINDERS (1-5)

<sup>1</sup> My son, *keep* my words  
and *treasure* up my commandments with you;

<sup>2</sup> keep my commandments and *live*;  
keep my teaching *as the apple of your eye*;

<sup>3</sup> bind them on *your fingers*;  
write them on *the tablet of your heart*.

<sup>4</sup> Say to Wisdom, “You are *my sister*,”  
and call Insight your *intimate friend*,

<sup>5</sup> to *keep you* from the forbidden woman,  
from the adulteress with her *smooth words*.

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THE SCENE IS SET(6-9)

<sup>6</sup> For at the window of my house  
 I have looked out through my lattice,  
<sup>7</sup> and I have seen among the simple,  
 I have perceived among the youths,  
 a young man lacking sense,  
<sup>8</sup> *passing along* the street near her corner,  
*taking the road* to her house  
<sup>9</sup> in the twilight, in the evening,  
 at the time of night and darkness.

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FOLLY IS DESCRIBED (10-13)

<sup>10</sup> And behold, the woman meets him,  
*dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart.*  
<sup>11</sup> She is *loud* and *wayward*;  
 her *feet do not stay* at home;  
<sup>12</sup> now in the street, now in the market,  
 and at every corner *she lies in wait.*  
<sup>13</sup> She *seizes* him and *kisses* him,  
 and with *bold face* she says to him,

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FOLLY SPEAKS POWERFUL WORDS (14-20)

<sup>14</sup> "I had to offer *sacrifices*,  
 and today I have paid my *vows*;  
<sup>15</sup> so now I have come out to meet *you*,  
 to seek *you* eagerly, and I have found *you*.  
<sup>16</sup> I have *spread* my couch with coverings,  
 colored linens from Egyptian linen;  
<sup>17</sup> I have *perfumed* my bed with myrrh,  
 aloes, and cinnamon.

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18 Come, let us *take our fill* of love till morning;  
 let us *delight ourselves* with love.

19 For my husband is *not at home*;  
 he has gone on a *long journey*;  
 20 he *took a bag* of money with him;  
 at *full moon* he will come home."

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT (21-23)

21 With much seductive *speech* she *persuades* him;  
 with her smooth talk she compels him.

22 All *at once* he follows her,  
 as an *ox* goes to the slaughter,  
 or as a *stag* is caught fast  
 23 till an *arrow* pierces its liver;  
 as a bird rushes into a *snare*;  
*he does not know that it will cost him his life.*

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THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED (24-27)

24 And now, O sons, listen to me,  
 and be attentive to the words of *my* mouth.

25 Let not *your* heart *turn aside* to her ways;  
 do not *stray* into her paths,  
 26 for *many* a victim has she laid low,  
 and all her slain are a *mighty throng*.

27 Her house is *the way to Sheol*,  
 going down to *the chambers of death*.

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CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Keep in mind that this is not misogyny, but rather a warning for his son towards a particular kind of ruinous woman
- It could equally be written to a daughter (not the primary purpose of this book) in regards to “creeper” men (2Tim 3:6)
- This is a warning to a particular kind of sin
- This is also a archetype to the way that sin and temptation works
- Applicable to both temporal and eternal consequences
- The only protective course is The Wisdom of God

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