



Proverbs

Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

GET SMART!!!

- So far, first 9 chapters:
 - Ch. 1 – Definition, call and warning
 - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking; deliverance from sinful
 - Ch. 3 – TRUST IN THE LORD!
 - Ch. 4 – Listen = learn; they will keep you from evil; Body...
 - Ch. 5 – Contrast of Women – “Stranger” VS. Wife
 - Ch. 6 – Integrity in Everyday Choices: 7 things God Hates!
 - Ch. 7 – Lust revisited, the cost of seduction = DEATH!
 - Ch. 8 – Wisdom as a choice... Personified Christ-focus

CH.9 – WISDOM’S HOUSE

- Conclusion of Solomon’s teaching – 2 calls are here...
- Wisdom is personified as a woman again... (1-12)
 - Shift makes the assumptions about ch 8 stronger...
 - Builds her house, 7 pillars... unusual # for a house
 - Or is it something else? 7 planets were known at the time:
 - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn
 - 7 “poems of wisdom” in Ch 2-8
 - Others 7’s abound in the Bible...

7 PILLARS

- Solomon's Temple had 2... (1Kings 7:15)
 - This would mean a strong and spacious dwelling
 - Would make for a place of safety in tough times..
 - Wisdom does all this!
- Preparations:
 - Table, food, wine, dishes, tableware – all prepared feast
 - Sends out maidens to call the willing...
 - Tops of the cities, highest point to cry out...

WISDOM'S INVITATION

- Whoever is naïve, simple, *pethiy* (#1)...
 - Lacking “heart”, turn in and come under my roof...
 - Remember laws of hospitality!
 - Eat, drink forsake folly and live!
 - This will prepare them to live wisely
 - The way of understanding... highway of life!
 - Do we need TIME to grow and develop?
 - Lifestyle is always the goal in CHRIST

SCORNER'S PERSECUTION

- Scoffer (7,8)- *loots* (#4)
 - Will scorn both message and messenger
 - Trying to correct this one brings trouble and dishonor...
 - More to come on this...
- Reprove, Give, Teach the wise and they GROW!
 - What is the result when we are given wisdom?
 - Our response to change tells much about us
 - If we don't learn from others mistakes...

THE MAIN THING...

- **Fear of the Lord, just the beginning! (1:7)**
 - Promises of Life added, and better life at that!
- **If you are wise, you benefit! If not, you bear it...**
 - Sadly, other pay the price for our bad judgment too
 - But, to God we will answer directly...
- **And on that note... a final reminder of the other voice**
 - Rejecting Wisdom can only have one outcome...
 - **FOLLY!**

THE FALSE VOICE

- Foolish call – loud, simple and uninformed!
 - From the house to the high place... always there
 - No preparations, no meal, no thought of others...
- She calls to those try to walk straight! (15) beware!
 - Tries to use the words of wisdom... see vs 4, comp 16!
 - “anointing” is no replacement for character!
 - 17 – stolen water, bread in secret... compare with vs 2
 - End result: the dead are there, grave filled guests!