

The Book of PROVERBS

Chapter 7 & 8

“The Wisdom of Wisdom!”

Proverbs Chapter 7- “Living Wisely”

I) Wise Living (v1-5)

(v2) Keep His commands and live (**Oxygen for the soul**)

His law as the apple of our eye (**Vision for the mind**)

(v3) Bind His law on our fingers (**For serving of Christ**)

Write His law on the tablets of our heart (**For the love of God**)

(v4) Wisdom & understanding is like advice from a very close relative

(v5) Advice for what? To keep us from an immoral woman.

II) Wise Warnings (v6-27)

Warning #1- Avoid the seductress house at all costs. (v6-9)

Warning # 2- Watch out for the seductive dress and her crafty heart (v10)

Warning #3- The seductress is loud and rebellious (smooth talker & forceful), a run around (v11)

Warning #4- The seductress is on the prowl, ready to consume her prey (v13)

(Impudent face - a bold rudeness and disrespectful)

Warning #5- The seductress appeared to have a sense of religion about her, just enough to placate the conscience and send a soul to hell. Religious duties cannot replace the heart's reality. (v14)

Warning #6- The seductress leads you on, lures you in, inflames your lust. (v15-20)

Warning #7- Enticing speech, flattering lips, seduction leads a man to slaughter (v21-23)

Warning #8- Be warned of God, keep your heart with Jesus, walk in His ways! (v24-25)

Warning #9- The seductress will wound you, slay you, and take you to Hell! (v26-27)

(Great story of victory! – Joseph - Genesis ch. 39:1-18)

Proverbs Chapter 8- “Hear Instruction & Be Wise”

I) The Value of Wisdom (v1-11)

(v2) *the high hill-* Wisdom brings good oversight!

where the paths meet- Wisdom brings direction for life!

(v3) *gates & doors of the city-* Wisdom yields peace, justice and equality!

(v4-11) **The value of wisdom-** prudence (good sense, discretion), excellent things, right things, truth, righteousness, instruction, knowledge, wisdom.

II) The Heart of Wisdom (v12-21)

(v13) **The fear of the LORD - is to hate evil—pride—arrogance, the evil way and the perverse way.**

(v14) **God gives counsel, wisdom, understanding and strength.**

(v15-16) **All governmental bodies are under the permission and sovereignty of God. God is in charge!**

Read: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17- *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*

1 Tim 2:1-6- *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

(v17-21) **Wisdom's heart and blessings -** God's love, faithfulness, riches, honor, righteousness, inheritance of wealth! **Colossians 3:23-25 -** *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.*

III) The Life of Wisdom (v22-36)

(v22-31) God's wisdom is eternal!

(v32-36) Hear instruction and be wise!--Listen and be blessed!--Find God and find life and favor!