



Today's Message

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Title: *Wisdom Prepares a Feast*

Text: Proverbs 9:1–12 (ESV)

9 Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
3 She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
5 “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Introduction: Solomon concludes the introduction to the book (chapters 1-9) with a final contrast between wisdom and folly. Each prepare a banquet for the simple.

Today's take-home truth: Wisdom is available to you; but understand this: it is a spiritual matter.

I. Wisdom is available to you; 1-6

A. She has prepared a "banquet." 1-3

1. Wisdom is perfect. 1
2. Wisdom offers great delight. 2
3. Wisdom makes a public invitation. 3

B. She calls the simple to attend. 4-6

1. Wisdom's call requires decision . . . 4
2. submission . . . 5
3. and repentance. 6

II. But understand this: it is a spiritual matter. 7-12

A. Wise instruction unveils true character. 7-9

1. The fool despises the teacher and his teaching. 7-8a
2. The wise loves the teacher and his teaching. 8b-9

B. The foundation of wisdom is fear of the Lord. 10

C. Wisdom and folly bring consequences. 11-12