

Proverbs 9

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The Way of Wisdom

(Proverbs 1:1–7)

- 1**Wisdom hath builded her house, She hath hewn out her seven pillars;
- 2**She hath prepared her meat, she hath mingled her wine; She hath also furnished her table.
- 3**She hath sent forth her maidens, she calleth, Upon the highest places of the city:
- 4**Whoso is thoughtless, let him turn in hither'; As for him that lacketh understanding, she saith to him:
- 5**Come, eat of my bread, And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
- 6**Forsake all thoughtlessness, and live; And walk in the way of understanding.
- 7**He that correcteth a scorner getteth to himself shame, And he that reproveth a wicked man, it becometh unto him a blot.
- 8**Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
- 9**Give to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the All-holy is understanding.

11For by me thy days shall be multiplied, And the years of thy life shall be increased.

12If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself; And if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.'

The Way of Folly

13The woman Folly is riotous; She is thoughtless, and knoweth nothing.

14And she sitteth at the door of her house, On a seat in the high places of the city,

15To call to them that pass by, Who go right on their ways:

16Whoso is thoughtless, let him turn in hither'; And as for him that lacketh understanding, she saith to him:

17Stolen waters are sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.'

18But he knoweth not that the shades are there; That her guests are in the depths of the nether-world.