

Understanding the Book of Proverbs through a Law/Gospel lens

Chapter 9

9:1-2 & 17-18-Love & Hatred

Lady Wisdom-Wisdom _____ in the children of man (8:31). Therefore, she has done all that is needful and _____ for the good of man. Christ's delight is in the sons of men and has done all that is necessary for their eternal good.

-She has provided a sure and sturdy _____ that will stand in times of trouble (9:1). Christ has built His house (Hebrews 3:6).

-She has provided the _____ of food and drink for her guests (9:2). She withholds no good thing from those who seek her. Christ withholds nothing from those who are His.

Lady Folly-Folly _____ the children of men. Therefore, she has done nothing that is good and beneficial for the sons of man but has instead done all that is ruinous to them. Satan and sin are only concerned with the destruction of the children of men.

-She has provided nothing but _____ and _____ (9:18). For the wages of sin is death.

-She has provided none of what is good for her guests but instead incites her guests to sin for the attaining of what they _____ (9:17).

9:3-6 & 13-16-The Call to Life & the Summons of Death

Lady Wisdom-Wisdom sends out _____ throughout the town to call to everyone, so all hear her call to life. The Lord Jesus Christ has sent out His servants to shout His words of welcome and His call to life to those who have ears to hear.

-Her call is to come and _____ of the table she has prepared. The call of Christ is to come and eat of the banquet that He has prepared (Isaiah 55:1).

-Her call is for the children of men to leave their simple ways (_____) and find life and to walk in the way of truth and knowledge. Christ's call is for the children of men to repent and find life, truth, and knowledge in Him.

Lady Folly-Folly, while containing no knowledge, uses the power of _____ to deceive the simple. Sin and Satan use the power of temptation to lure the children of men to their demise.

-Her call is to take what you _____. The call of sin is to go after what your evil heart craves.

-Her call is for the children of men to stay in their _____ ways and to persist in the way that leads to death.

9:7-12-The ways the wise and the fool

Verses 7-8 -The wise will not spurn a _____. However, the wicked will hate the one who calls on them to leave their wicked ways (Matthew 7:6).

Verses 9-10 -The wise value instruction. They are _____ and desire to learn the ways of wisdom. A growth in the fear of the Lord is the mark of the wise. To fear the Lord is to grow in the knowledge of God.

Verse 11 -The way of wisdom is the way of life and _____

Verse 12 -All bear an individual _____ for either their wisdom or their folly.