

- 1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;
- 2 She has slaughtered her meat,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maidens,
She cries out from the highest places of the city,
- 4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
- 5 “Come, eat of my bread
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Forsake foolishness and live,
And go in the way of understanding.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that the wisdom of God gives a clear and open invitation to all, and that Christ Himself is the wisdom of God.

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Proverbs 9, verses 1 through 6, these are God's words. Wisdom has built her house. She is hewn out. Are seven pillars. She has slaughtered her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also furnished her table. She has sent out her maidens. She cries out from the highest places of the city.

Whoever is simple. Let him turn in here. As for him who lacks understanding. She says to him, come Eat of my bread. And drink of the wine. I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live. And go in the way. Of understanding.

So far, the reading of God. Inspired. And Aaron twerked.

If we are foolish. It's certainly cannot be blamed. On lack of opportunity to be wise. The Lord has put the evidence of himself. All of the creation. He has. Made it so that. Folly and sin. Harmful. Undesirable. In their outcome. That wisdom and righteousness. Are beneficial. And blessed in their outcome.

Further, he Even given us his word. Offers us. Not just life and health. From him, but relationship. With him. And so, he gives us this. The extended metaphor. wisdom. A great Queen. Who has built her house. There's a house. That is. Built not upon. Foundation of wood.

Or even gathered stones. But great pillars, that are Out of out of one. Great hard Stone like marble. Or Granite. The slaughtering of the meat and the mixing of the wine. here indicating not just wine of one, sort of grape, but very carefully prepared, rich wine with Complex flavors.

and Some of which would be brought.

With the With the sacrifice. The idea here. being not like the Loose woman. Who kind of Winks and says? I have been to sacrifice, which means we can. We could pretend away the guilt of our sin plus we have meat here. but rather Wisdom is inviting openly note where the invitation comes from.

She sends her maidens out. And she cries out from the highest places of the city. Wisdom is the sort of thing that you don't have to hide from others. And do secretly and shamefully. And so, Fearing the lord. And, Receiving his word. Loving him. Obeying him. There's a way of life, there's a Of relationship with the Lord.

It is a way of being unashamed. It is a way. Of.

And so God gives this wonderful. Open invitation. And we know ultimately, That the first part then of fearing the Lord. Is coming to him. In Christ. Turning from our sin. Trusting in the Lord, Jesus. For how else? Could we receive such open invitation? If the wrath of God must destroy us.

Except that God. Pictured in the sacrifices. That are implied in the background of this passage. Except that God has satisfied his wrath. upon our substitute. The Lord Jesus. And now, When we read. Proverbs 9 verse 5. Come eat of my bread and drink. Of the wine that I have mixed.

And we know that wisdom which was pictured metaphorically at one point as a queen. Is actually. And has become a man. And gives himself to be our life, and our gladness, and our confidence, and our our bond with God. And so that which Was pictured. In verse 5.

Has come turned out to be. not just a metaphor. But a reality and a reality, greater. not less real. Physical bread and wine. But more real. Our Union with the Lord Jesus Christ. And our life and health from it. And the supper does. do the same.

Tell us the same thing as verse six as well. Forsake foolishness, how can one? Who gets his life from the Lord Jesus. How can? Who is bound to God? And the Lord Jesus live foolishly no. Forsake foolishness and live. By the Life of Christ in you, by God's covenant.

in Christ with you. Turn from foolishness live and go. In the way of understanding. So, remember. How God has? Invited us by his whole world and in all his word, To have the wisdom. Of belonging to him in Christ, having our life from Christ. And living for him.

By that life of Christ. Let's pray.

Our Father in Heaven, forgive us. For we have often. Ignored. How obvious it is that? My goodness and righteousness and godliness. Are a way of life and blessing. And we have, Sometimes thought or felt in such a way. As if to imply that it's difficult to figure out. How we should live?

forgive us Lord. We know that you Have been clear and Given us a free and true. Offer of the Gospel to. Turn from our sin and be yours in Christ. Your own Grace. To belong to you and Live for you be conformed to him. And so we ask that your spirit would Restrain our ignorance and our stubbornness.

That he would open our eyes. To see all that you have. Told us of yourself in your world. And especially in your word. So, help us to heed this invitation. To receive your welcome and come to you. For we ask in Jesus name, amen.