

Proverbs 9

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, I praise You for the life and truth of Your word. I need the vitality of life that only comes from eating heartily of the bread of life and drinking deeply the well of wisdom. I pray for understanding. In Jesus name.....Amen.

Comments/Insights: Throughout our study of Proverbs 9, we have seen the effects of the mistress Miss Folly. She seeks whom she may devour, using seductive fragrances and make-up to hide her true ugliness. While we may still be fooled by her looks, we are given Wisdom's insight into Folly's actions and words.

Basic Scripture Truth: Verse 13 says "Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing." Ever try to have a conversation with an irrational person who constantly interrupts? One who runs off pure emotion? One who will not receive wisdom, or consider the outcome of their points of view? "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!" But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead." V16-18. Folly cannot receive the life-giving Wisdom of God because she is dead!

Application to my Life: I have to make sure that I never fall for the lies of evil Miss Folly. Because I sometimes see her with my fleshly eyes, The Lord has also given me other things to look for: her lies, her temperament, her simplicity, her dead spirit. Our Lord, by His grace and mercy, has given us this commandment; "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit." Matt.12:33 Miss Folly is a bad tree. We who have eternal life must not taste of her rotten fruits! "Food gained by fraud tastes sweet, but one ends up with a mouth full of gravel." Proverbs 20:17 Taste only of The Lord, for He is good!!

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your wisdom. I thank You for the many protections You give us in Your word. Thank You for making this wretched sinner a good tree that produces good fruit. I pray You alone are always glorified. In Jesus name..... Amen.

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