



- 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 leads his family in a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that wisdom's obviousness shows just how stubborn our foolishness is in our wicked and rebellious, original state; but, wisdom's urgency shows the greatness of God's mercy to us.

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Proverbs 9, verses 1 through 6. These are God's words. Wisdom has built her house. She has hewn out her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her meat. She has mixed her wine. She is 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 that I have mixed Forsake foolishness and live and go away of understanding so far, the reading of God's inspired and inherent word, which we have here, the usefulness of wisdom, or I guess the wisdom of Lady Wisdom.

Notice how strong her house is. It is built on seven. Hewn pillars. So these are, these are pillars of made out of a single stone. Each of these seven. This is exactly What is meant, by the wise, man. Built his house up on the rock in the image that Jesus uses in that parable.

So she's she's built her house. She's, you know, her seven builders, she has slaughtered her meat and mixed her wine and furnished, her table.

Not only are we wise when we plan ahead and prepare good things. God is the original planar ahead and preparer of good things. And it's kind of, like, when you guys were younger, I guess, you guys still to a large extent and God's mercy. To us, still do it.

And whenever you go anywhere with that, he you suspect that he has a plan and that, whatever the plan is, it's gonna turn out to be pretty good because the gap when you were younger between your planning ahead and my planning ahead and yeah. It was, you know, fairly significant and you knew how much I loved you.

And that I like to think of as much as possible. Well, God is infinitely better than I am at all of those things. And reading his word and taking it to heart and having his spirit, apply it to us is the way to enjoy how perfectly he plans and prepares everything.

And so, there's a wonderful image there and you have the mercy of God in telling us about that, and in making it so plain that to believe him and to hear his word and live, according to his word is so good. She has sent out her maidens. Verse three, 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 drink of the wine. I have mixed. Even unbelievers can see that they need wisdom, and they can see in God's world that God exists, and that God is glorious, and that God is good.

And that God is wise. You have to actively push down on that. In Romans chapter 1, it talks about God having made his divine character known in the things that had been made. And that we know it because he has made it known to us. So not only has he made it obvious in the created things but he's also communicated the obviousness of it to our own hearts.

But then it says that men suppress pushed down on the truth and unrighteousness On the one hand, these filled his world with enough evidence that we need to know him. We need to live according to by faith in him and in worship of him and listening to him. But men will seek after wisdom without God, of course, doesn't work the history of philosophies that it doesn't work and in what is coming to be called science.

Now, it's often not and not even a observation of the world and how he has made it to work in a response to it. But it's the tyranny of the experts and listening to whatever they say and they often say things that don't call correspond to observation and testing and those kinds of things that depend upon the faithfulness of God, depend on him being created depend upon the reliability and repeatability of things in his providence.

So on the one hand, you have the mercy of God to make the need and source of wisdom. So obvious but then you have the rebelliousness of man. Because if he is picturing himself here as pleading with us to come enjoy good things, Then we have to understand from the picture that when we do not believe in him, receive his word seek to live according to his wisdom.

We're basically saying, I don't want good things. I want to die which is what we're doing, but that's the greatness of the stubbornness of our wickedness. And we are grateful that God is merciful even to such as we are to give us new hearts so that we would be able to believe in him and love him.

And then you see the goal of Lady Wisdom over against the, the foolish woman who we're going to hear about whenever we get to the last part of the chapter. The, the fullest woman leads you into death, he does not know that the dead are there that her guests are in the depths of hell, verse 18, but lady wisdom wants to give you life.

You know. God, God is for our good sin as its appeal because of our sinful nature, our fallen nature But it's appeal is an appeal that will kill us the appeal of God in his word, and even in his world is an appeal to us, to come to him and get life to live it, Man.

Let's pray our Father in heaven. We thank you for loving us and addressing us and your Word and reminding us that all wisdom is from you. And for our good we pray that your Holy Spirit would give us soft hearts and that we would see your goodness to us and that we would hate the stubbornness of our sinfulness and our remaining fleshliness that you'd help us to put that to death and be be teachable and receive your good instruction.

Grant this to us. We ask in Christ's name, Amen.