

Message #26**Proverbs 9:1-12**

Solomon wanted his son going to the right banquet. He wanted his son to eat from the Word of God, all of the gourmet feasts that it offers. But he knew it came down to a choice.

GOD'S WISDOM INVITES ALL TO PARTAKE AND THOSE WHO ACCEPT THE INVITATION WILL PERSONALLY PROSPER AND THOSE WHO DON'T ACCEPT THE INVITATION WILL PERSONALLY SUFFER.

PART #1 – God's wisdom is available. **9:1-2**

(Fact #1) - God's wisdom is found in a specific place. **9:1a**

The particular place that Solomon would have had in mind where the "wisdom of God" would have been expounded in all of its fullness would have been the temple, which Solomon himself had built (I Kings 6:1, 11-14, 38). A wise person will go to the place where the Word of God is accurately offered.

(Fact #2) - God's wisdom is totally complete. **9:1b**

The real point of the number seven is completeness. For example, God's creative work was completed in seven days (Gen. 2:2). The entire Church Age will be completed in seven periods of history (Rev. 2-3). The final judgments of God will be completed in seven seals (Rev. 5:1).

(Fact #3) - God's wisdom is always ready. **9:2**

This verse portrays wisdom as a meal which is ready to be served.

PART #2 – God's wisdom is available to all people. **9:3-6**

All classifications of people are invited to partake of the wisdom of God.

The point is that this invitation is given to those who are mentally and morally deficient. All are invited to come to a banquet which offers a feast of the wisdom of God.

PART #3 – God's wisdom is rejected by the godless. **9:7-8a**

The word "scoffer" occurs once in **verse 7**, once in **verse 8** and once in **verse 12**. The word refers to one who mocks sacred things.

The main point of **verses 7-8** is the reaction of the wicked people to Truth.

PART #4 – God’s wisdom is accepted by the godly. **9:8b-10**

It is very important to see that the Word of God does the same thing to both the wicked and the godly; it rebukes them both. The word “rebuke” or “reprove” is a key word of this context, used in **verse 7** and **8**. The word actually means to convict someone, to reprove someone by making truth very clear.

The responses are opposites to reproof for one godly and one ungodly. The fool hates the person who communicated the truth, but the wise person not only loves the person who stated the truth, but actually responds to the instruction and increases in wisdom (**9:8-9**).

PART #5 – God’s wisdom will reproduce eternal consequences. **9:11-12**

The one who favorably responds will receive a long life (**9:11a**). He will receive a full life (**9:11b**). The phrase years of your life is the plural years of your lives, meaning a full abundant life.

Verse 12 makes it clear that there will be great personal profit for being a wise person.

But the same token, the one who scoffs at the Word of God will be punished (**9:12b**).

The choice is ours. We can choose to heed the rebukes of the Word of God and attend the banquets regularly, or we can rebel and run. But, we must know this; the consequences will come in due season.