

Proverbs 1:10-33

II. Father's First Lesson

A. The Illustration

1. The Father's Counsel - vs 10-14

a. Introductory Statement - vs 10; Ps 1:1; Eph 5:11

b. The Invitation - vs 11-12,14

i. a possible scenario - vs 11a If they say,

ii. "Come with us,

- Let us lie in wait to shed blood;

- Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

- Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,

And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;

- Cast in your lot among us,

- Let us all have one purse" -

c. The Seduction - vs 13

i. We shall find all kinds of precious possessions,

ii. We shall fill our houses with spoil;

2. The Admonition - vs 15-18

a. Appeal based n relationship - vs 15a

b. The Command

i. do not walk in the way with them, - Ps 1:1

ii. Keep your foot from their path;

c. The Why

i. Their Character

- For their feet run to evil, - Isa 59:7; Ro 3:15

- And they make haste to shed blood.

ii. Their Vanity

- Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird;

- But they lie in wait for their own blood,

- They lurk secretly for their own lives.

b. The Character Flaw - vs 19

i. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; - 1Ti 6:10

ii. It takes away the life of its owners.

B. The Encouragement toward Wisdom - vs 20-33

1. The Invitation -

a. Wisdom calls aloud outside; - vs 20; Pr 8:1; 9:3; Joh 7:37

i. She raises her voice in the open squares.

ii. She cries out in the chief concourses,

iii. At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:

b. Her Call - vs 21-23

i. The Audience and Question

- to the simple "How long, love simplicity?
- *to the scorers "How long, will you delight in their scorning,*
- *And to the fools "How long, will you hate knowledge.*

ii. The Command and Obedience's Blessings

- Turn at my rebuke; (Repent)
- Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
- I will make my words known to you.

2. The Rejection and its Consequences

a. Wisdom's Effort and their refusal - vs 24-25; Isa 65:12; 66:4

- Because I have called and you refused,
- I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,
- Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

b. Wisdom's reaction to their Rejection - vs 26-27

- I also will laugh at your calamity; - Ps 2:4
- I will mock when your terror comes,
 - When your terror comes like a storm,
 - And your destruction comes like a whirlwind,
 - When distress and anguish come upon you.

c. Their Response When Terror Comes and Wisdom's Why - vs 28-31

i. Their Response to Terror

- "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
- They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.
- God's Dealing w/ unrepentant Israel - Isa 1:15; Jer 11:11; 14:12; Eze 8:18; Mic 3:4; Zec 7:13

ii. Wisdom's Reason for Denying Them

- Because they hated knowledge - Job 21:14
- And did not choose the fear of the LORD,
- They would have none of my counsel - Ps 81:11
- And despised my every rebuke.

iii. The Consequences - vs 31

- Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, - Pr 14:14;
- And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

d. Consequences of Decisions - vs 32-33

i. The Negative

- For the turning away of the simple will slay them,
- And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

ii. The Positive

- But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, - Ps 25:12-13
- And will be secure, without fear of evil." - Ps 112:7