

Proverbs 9:1-18 "Two Houses of the Two Ladies"

Wisdom has her house,
strong and splendid
v2 her food
v3 her summons
and her end v6

¹ Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;

The harlot of ch. 7 had her house
her food
her summons
and her end

² She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine;
She has also set her table;

³ She has sent out her maidens, she calls

From the tops of the heights of the city: loud and public

⁴ "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!"

all you have to be
is needy

To him who lacks understanding she says,

⁵ "Come, eat of my food

its finished... all prepared

And drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ "Forsake your folly and live,

repentance —
salvation —
blessing —

And proceed in the way of understanding."

why must you "forsake"?
Because a scoffer can't be
taught anything.

⁷ He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,

And he who reprove a wicked man gets insults for himself.

⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you,

Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

only the teachable
can be wise

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser,

Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.

Because the beginning
of wisdom is the fear of God

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

only His word and His
knowledge can under-
stand life.

¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,

Probably referring to the Mosaic Covenant with its blessings and cursings

And years of life will be added to you.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, *Thus... wisdom and foolishness are both seeds... tho nothing immediate happens they both will come forth with like seed in multiplicity.*
And if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

13 The woman of folly is boisterous, ¹ "murmur, growl"
² She is naive and knows nothing. *because she is ignorant*

14 She sits at the doorway of her house, *the same as lady wisdom*
On a seat by the high places of the city,

15 Calling to those who pass by, ³
Who are making their paths straight: *She tempts the faithful*

16 "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here," ⁴ *The identical words of lady wisdom - She is deceptive*
And to him who lacks understanding she says,

17 "Stolen water is sweet; ⁵ *She offers "freedom"*
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant." *'pleasantville'*

"Sin is Good tho you must hide it..."

18 But he does not know that the dead are there, ⁶ *But she is a liar and does not show you the end result.*
^{She's nice} That her guests are in the depths of Sheol. ^{She's bad}
death is hell