



The Final Decision

—Life Hacks Week 12—

Proverbs 9 (NIV)

I. Sophia's Banquet Invitation of Life

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
- ² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
- ⁴ “Let all who are simple come to my house!”
To those who have no sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

II. This invitation brought to you with the following message.

- ⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.
- ⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.
- ⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- ¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

III. Folly's Consuming Invitation of Death

- ¹³ Folly is an unruly woman;
she is simple and knows nothing.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat at the highest point of the city,
- ¹⁵ calling out to those who pass by,
who go straight on their way,
- ¹⁶ “Let all who are simple come to my house!”
To those who have no sense she says,
- ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet;
food eaten in secret is delicious!”
- ¹⁸ But little do they know that the dead are there,
that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.

The Bottom Line

Choose to Accept Sophia's Invitation of Life!

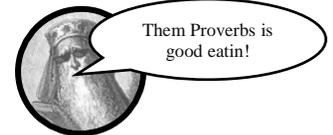
- ...by fearing the Lord
...by leaving your simple ways behind
...by feasting on the meal she has prepared

Summer Suggestion

Either read one chapter a day (the chapter that corresponds to each day of the month: on September 3 read chapter 3) or memorize one verse a week and reflect on it every day that week (this week's suggestions: Proverbs 9:10-12).

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