

A Home Built on Wisdom



MEMORY VERSE: Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.
Proverbs 9:11,12



Proverbs 7 — Wisdom and Faithfulness

1. How are we to treat our Father's advice and wisdom? vv. 1-4
2. As you have seen, God consistently uses marriage and family to illustrate His relationship with us. Christ is the bridegroom and we, the church, are His bride (Ephesians 5:22-33). Isaiah 62:5 says, "...as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you." Our enemy, Satan, wants to destroy this union, which is why God continually warns us about the immoral woman and adultery. According to Proverbs 7:4-5, why is wisdom so important?
3. Verses 5-20 describe the immoral woman seducing a young man. Using this analogy, how do you think this plays out in our lives when we fall into a trap and are unfaithful to God?
4. What is the reality of the seduction and sin of giving in to an affair with the world? vv. 21-27

5. Just as adultery divides families, being unfaithful to God separates us from Him. We live in a broken world, sometimes in broken families or marriages. How do these verses help us in our brokenness, even when it is a result of our own actions?

Mark 10:26-27

James 5:15-16

6. How is the enemy trying to trap you or your loved ones lately?

B Proverbs 8 — Wisdom and Creation

7. How does wisdom call to us? What is her message? vv. 1-9

8. Just how valuable is wisdom? vv. 10-11

9. How does “Wisdom” describe herself in the following verses?

12-16

17-21

22-26

27-31

32-36

10. Considering what you may know about creation, how does this picture of wisdom fit into what you imagine creation was like?



Proverbs 9 — The Home of Wisdom

11. Describe the house that wisdom has built. vv. 1-6

12. What is the difference between a mocker and a wise person? vv. 7-12

13. How have you seen this difference lived out in the world at large?

14. How have you seen this in your own life, either as a mocker or as one seeking wisdom?

15. What differences do you see between the manner in which Wisdom and Folly invite men (people) into their homes? vv. 13-18 (and 1-6)

16. How do you see wisdom, or folly, determining the quality of people's home lives?

17. When you think of verses from the first nine chapters that promise long life or wealth/riches for those who seek wisdom, how do you reconcile this with the painful reality of God-fearing people who have suffered tremendously for their faith?

John 15:18-27

18. As you think back on the 5 lessons in Proverbs you have done so far, what impressions or exhortations will stick with you for life?

WALK IN TRUTH



The first nine chapters in Proverbs repeat themes of a loving father admonishing his children to seek wisdom and flee from the immoral woman. When things are repeated in the Bible it is because they are important. The more they are repeated, the more important they are. Seeking wisdom, or pursuing God, and fleeing from the immoral woman, or committing adultery with the world, are of the utmost importance in our lives. Are you convinced that “Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life? If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit, if you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer?” (Proverbs 9:11,12) As we move on in our study, the remaining lessons will be topical so you can gain an understanding of how God guides us specifically on different aspects of life. Apply this wisdom to your lives and you will see God's promises revealed in your own home or sphere of influence.