

Bible Seminar: Poetry Books

Proverbs

Intro:

Authorship:

Purpose:

Theme:

Outline:



Key Comparative Passage: Proverbs 9

- 9 Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed
her wine; she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
- ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be
still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will
increase in learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
- ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

The Way of Folly

- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
- ¹⁵ calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
- ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,
- ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
- ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

7 Keys to reading and interpreting Proverbs:

- Enjoy the Poetic Imagery
- Appreciate General Revelation in Proverbs
- Understand the Historical and Cultural Context of the Proverbs



- Rely on the Holy Spirit for proper interpretation
- Our complicated lives require more than just Proverbs. They require wisdom.
- Simply reading Proverbs will not make a fool wise
- Proper application of Proverbs comes with time and experience