

PROVERBS: LESSON 6

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INTRODUCTION:

Wisdom is personified in chapters 8-9 in all her glory. **Who she is** and **what she offers** should attract our attention, and cause us to follow her always.

I. THE EXALTATION OF WISDOM (8:1-36)

- A. Her Accessibility for the Simple (v.1-5).
- B. Her Character of Being Right Make Her Trustworthy (v.6-9).
- C. Her Instruction is Precious (v.10-11).
- D. Her Sound Attributes exalt the Fear of Jehovah with its demands (v.12-14).
- E. Her Ways Used by Righteous Leaders (v.15-16).
- F. Her Gifts are Better Than Choice Things and are Given to Them That Seek Her (v.17-21).
- G. Her Qualities Are Eternal and Were Manifested in Creation (v.22-31).
- H. Hear Her and be Truly Blessed - Reject Her and Die (v.32-36).

II. WISDOM'S AND FOLLY'S INVITATIONS - THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH (9:1-18).

- A. Wisdom's Feast Produces Life for the Wise (v.1-6).
- B. The Response of the Scoffer and the Wise Toward Reproof and Instruction (v.7-9).
- C. The Fear of Jehovah is the Beginning of Wisdom and the Principal Part of Understanding (v.10).
- D. Wisdom Promotes Long Life (v.11).
- E. Personal Retribution is the "Payout" unto the Wise and Scoffer (v.12).
- F. Folly's feast produces unsuspecting Death for the Simple (v.13-18).

QUESTIONS:

1. While we must seek wisdom (8:17), is she hard to find? Explain.
2. What does it mean to understand prudence in (8:5)?

3. One's arrogance shows that he does not have _____.
4. What kind of riches does Wisdom provide for Her hearers?
5. In 8:22-31, what TWO things concerning wisdom cause you to want to listen to Her commands?
6. What blessing is connected with finding life?
7. To hate wisdom is to _____ death.
8. What kind of "mixed drink" was "mingled wine" (cf.9:2, 9:5)?
9. In 9:1-6, what degree of preparedness is wisdom that helps the simple?
10. The principle found in 9:7 underlies what New Testament passage?
11. What is the key to wisdom and understanding?
12. What is the meaning of: If you are wise, you are "wise for thyself" (9:12)?
13. How does the foolish woman make her feast appealing?
14. Looking back, what things stand out concerning wisdom in chapters 1-9?