

Proverbs 9

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Wisdom Has Built Her House

- ¹ Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
 - ² She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.
 - ³ She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
 - ⁴ Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
 - ⁵ Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
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- ⁶ Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.
 - ⁷ He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.
 - ⁸ Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.
 - ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
 - ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
 - ¹¹ For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.
 - ¹² If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

The Way of Folly

- 13** A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.
- 14** For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
- 15** To call passengers who go right on their ways:
- 16** Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
- 17** Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
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- 18** But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Holy — קדוש (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קדוש) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Love — אהבה / חסד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אהבה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חסד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Lord — יהוה / אדני (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אדני), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 9:1 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 7:6; 7:21; Matthew 16:18; Galatians 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:15; Revelation 3:12

Proverbs 9:2 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:5; 23:30; Isaiah 25:6

Proverbs 9:3 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:14; Psalms 68:11

Proverbs 9:4 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:32; 8:5; 9:16; Matthew 11:25

Proverbs 9:5 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:17; John 6:27. **Related:** Song of Solomon 5:1

Proverbs 9:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:11; 13:20; Luke 13:24

Proverbs 9:7 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:12; 23:9; 2 Chronicles 36:16

Proverbs 9:8 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:18; 23:9; 28:23; 29:1; Leviticus 19:17; Psalms 141:5; Matthew 7:6; 15:14. **Love:** Proverbs 15:12

Proverbs 9:9 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:5; 25:12; Hosea 6:3; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 John 5:13

Proverbs 9:10 **References Lord:** Proverbs 1:7; 2:5; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Job 28:28; Psalms 111:10. **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 11:27; John 17:3; 1 John 5:20. **Holy:** Proverbs 30:3

Proverbs 9:11 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:2; 3:16; 10:27; Deuteronomy 6:2

Proverbs 9:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 22:21; Ezekiel 18:20

Proverbs 9:13 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 5:6; 7:11; 1 Timothy 6:4

Proverbs 9:14 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:3

Proverbs 9:17 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:17; 30:20; Genesis 3:6; Romans 7:8; Ephesians 5:12

Proverbs 9:18 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 5:5; 7:27

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