

Proverbs 9:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

Analysis

She sits at her house door, on a seat in the city's high places. Like Wisdom (9:3), Folly positions herself prominently. The Hebrew 'yashav' (sit/dwell) and 'kisse' (seat/throne) describe established positioning. Folly doesn't hide but publicly calls, mimicking wisdom's public invitation. Distinguishing wisdom from folly requires discernment, not merely observing visibility or confidence. Both call loudly; content differs.

Historical Context

False prophets throughout Scripture mimicked true prophets' practices - speaking confidently, claiming divine authority, positioning prominently. Deuteronomy 18:20-22 provided test: fulfilled prophecy validates true prophet. Jesus warned: 'Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves' (Matthew 7:15). External similarity requires internal discernment. Truth and error both speak confidently.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between wisdom's invitation and folly's imitation?
2. What voices in your life seem authoritative but may be offering folly rather than wisdom?
3. What tests help you discern truth from error when both speak confidently?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּשְׁבֶּה	לִפְתָּח	בֵּיתָהּ	עַל	כִּסֵּא	מִיְּמֵי
For she sitteth	at the door	of her house	H5921	on a seat	in the high places
H3427	H6607	H1004		H3678	H4791
קִרְיָת:					
of the city					
H7176					

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 9:3 (Parallel theme): She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,