

Proverbs 9:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Analysis

Wisdom has killed her beasts, mixed her wine, furnished her table. The Hebrew 'tabach' (slaughter), 'masak' (mix/dilute wine), and 'arak' (arrange/set in order) describe banquet preparation. Wisdom offers abundant provision - meat, wine, prepared table. The feast metaphor portrays wisdom as satisfying nourishment. Those who come to wisdom's table are abundantly fed. This anticipates Jesus' invitation: 'I am the bread of life...if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever' (John 6:35, 51).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern banquets represented hospitality, celebration, abundance. Wisdom's feast contrasts with foolishness's stolen water and hidden bread (v.17). Legitimate satisfaction versus stolen pleasure, public feast versus secret sin. Jesus used similar imagery - the great banquet (Luke 14:16-24), marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). Wisdom offers abundant provision; folly offers empty promises.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced wisdom as satisfying nourishment for your soul?
2. What cheap substitutes for wisdom's feast are you tempted to consume?
3. How does Christ as the bread of life fulfill wisdom's banquet invitation?

Interlinear Text

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She hath killed her beasts she hath mingled her wine
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עָרָכָה שְׁלַחְתָּה
she hath also furnished her table
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 25:6 (Parallel theme): And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

Proverbs 9:5 (Parallel theme): Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Proverbs 23:30 (Parallel theme): They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.