

Proverbs 9:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Analysis

Come, eat my bread and drink my wine I've mixed. Wisdom's invitation: participate in her feast. The Hebrew 'lacham' (bread) and 'yayin' (wine) are basic sustenance and celebratory abundance. Wisdom offers both necessity and pleasure, both nourishment and joy. Coming to wisdom provides what's needed and what delights. This anticipates communion - bread and wine representing Christ's body and blood, spiritual nourishment and joy.

Historical Context

Bread and wine throughout Scripture represent covenant provision. Melchizedek brought bread and wine to Abraham (Genesis 14:18). Passover involved bread and wine. Jesus instituted communion with bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Wisdom's bread and wine prefigure Christ offering Himself as spiritual food and drink. 'My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed' (John 6:55).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you feed on Christ as wisdom's bread and wine?
2. What satisfaction does wisdom provide that worldly pleasures cannot?
3. How can you approach God's Word and gospel as feast, not mere duty?

Interlinear Text

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			eat		of my bread		and drink		of the wine	which I have mingled

Additional Cross-References

John 6:27 (Parallel theme): Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Song of Solomon 5:1: I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

Proverbs 9:17 (Parallel theme): Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.