

Proverbs 9

Chapter 9

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.

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*.

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.

¹⁸ But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.