

I. Introduction and Review.

- A. You must choose between Lady Wisdom and Madame Folly.**
- 1. The appeal of Madame Folly (the strange woman): secretive, immoral, faithless, heartless, selfish, offering fleeting pleasures leading to death. 7:1-27 9:13-18**
 - 2. The appeal of Lady Wisdom (the soul's true bride): open, holy, faithful, loving, serving, offering everlasting blessedness and life. 8:1-36 9:1-6**
- B. Who is Lady Wisdom? 8:1-5**
- 1. An Attribute of God. Eph. 1:8 Job 12:13 Jer. 10:12**
 - 2. Wisdom is revealed in Scripture. Ps. 19:7f**
 - 3. Jesus Christ is Wisdom Incarnate. I Co. 1:30 Isa. 11:1-2 Jer. 23:5**

II. Wisdom's virtue and beauty should attract you. 8:6-31

- A. She offers you moral excellence. 8:6-9**
- 1. Her teaching is noble, right, true, and righteous. 8:6-8**
 - a. The Word of God is infallible and excellent. Ps. 19:9 II Ti. 3:16-17**
 - b. Jesus Christ perfectly displays Wisdom. I Co. 1:24,30-31**
 - 2. Only those with spiritual understanding can grasp her teaching. 8:9**
 - a. Wisdom does not disclose herself to those who are wise in their own eyes. Mt. 11:25f 13:12-16 I Co. 1:18-25 John 8:43**
 - b. You must have a heart which is receptive to spiritual knowledge. I Co. 2:14**
- B. Wisdom makes you shrewd and successful in life. 8:10-21**
- 1. Wisdom is the most precious thing. 8:10-11**
 - a. If your goal in life is to be rich, wisdom will elude you.**
 - b. The Scripture is better than gold. Ps. 119:14,72,127**
 - c. Christ Jesus is our greatest treasure. Mt. 13:46 Col. 2:3**
 - 2. She teaches you to humbly fear God. 8:12-13 9:10 1:7 Phil. 2:5ff Mt. 20:28**
The proud will never be wise. I Co. 1:26-29
 - 3. Wisdom offers you royal counsel. 8:14-16 I Kn. 3:9,28**
Christ is our wise King. Is. 11:1-5 9:6-7 I Co. 1:24
 - 4. She loves and blesses you when you love and seek her. 8:17,35**
 - a. Jesus loves those who love Him. John 14:21 Mt. 7:7:f**
 - b. Christ sends the Spirit who gives you a new nature with new desires for wisdom. Ro. 8:7-11,14 12:2 John 16:8 I Jn. 4:19 Jer. 31:3**
 - 5. Wisdom offers you great rewards. 8:18-21**
Christ Jesus makes you rich. II Co. 8:9 Mt. 6:19-20 Rev. 3:18 I Pet. 1:4-5
- C. Wisdom's glory is displayed to you in creation. 8:22-31 Gen. 1:1f**
- 1. Wisdom is eternal and One with God. v. 22-26 Ps. 90:2 Job 15:7f 38:4**
Christ is eternal and One with the Father. John 1:1-2 10:30 17:5 Col. 1:15
 - 2. Wisdom mediated the glorious work of creation. v. 27-30a**
 - a. Christ is the Creator. John 1:3 Col. 1:16 Heb. 1:2**
 - b. Before you can produce anything worthwhile and significant with your life, you must possess wisdom (Christ). Jn. 15:5**
 - 3. Wisdom delights in God's work. v. 30b-31a**
 - a. She rejoices in creation. v. 31a Gen. 1:31**
 - b. Christ delights in the Father. v. 30c John 4:34 6:38 Heb. 10:7 Ps. 40:8**
 - c. The Father is delighted with the Son. v. 30b Isa. 42:1 Mt. 3:17 17:5 Col. 1:13**
 - 4. Wisdom particularly rejoices in mankind, the pinnacle of God's creation. v. 31b**
Christ rejoices in redeeming mankind. Heb. 12:2 Isa. 53:10-11 Eph. 3:10,21

III. Wisdom calls you. 9:1-6,13-18 8:1-5

- A. She offers you a feast. 9:1-2 Isa. 25:6
 - 1. Wisdom has prepared a royal banquet. 9:1-2 Ps. 23:5
 - 2. The Word of God is a spiritual feast for the soul. Ps. 19:7f 119:103 II Ti. 3:16-17
 - 3. Christ has prepared a feast for us: John 6:48-58 Isa. 55:1f
 - 4. Madame Folly has prepared a deadly banquet. 9:17 20:17 30:20

- B. Wisdom gives you an invitation. 8:1-5 9:3-5
 - 1. Wisdom makes a public and universal invitation to the undeserving. 8:1-5 9:3-5
 - a. She openly calls to all classes of people. 8:1-5 9:4
 - b. It is humbling for so grand a personage to reach down to such lowlife.
 - c. She sends out her servants to beckon men to her feast. 9:3a
 - 2. Jesus offers the Himself to all people indiscriminately: the free offer of the gospel
 - a. He appeals publicly and universally. John 7:37 Mt. 28:18-20 Luke 14:23
 - b. He Humbles Himself to be made man and to dwell among sinners. Phil. 2:5f
 - c. He has sent His servants into the world to invite all to come. Acts 1:8
Mt. 22:2f 28:18f Luke 14:23
 - 3. Madame Folly also makes a universal and public appeal. 9:14-16

- C. Wisdom awaits your response. 9:5-6,18
 - 1. Lady Wisdom invites you to turn from folly (repent) to eat (believe). 9:5-6a
 - 2. Christ Jesus calls men to repent and believe. Mt. 4:17 II Co. 6:17-18 Js. 4:4
 - 3. Your response determines your destiny. 9:6b,18

IV. What is your answer to Wisdom's urgent appeal? 8:32-36 9:7-12

- A. Don't be a scoffer. 9:7-8a, 12, 8 8:36
 - 1. Scoffers hate wisdom and reproof. 15:12 II Chron. 30:10
 - 2. A point comes when you shouldn't bother trying to persuade them. 19:25 21:11
22:10 Mt. 7:6 10:14-15 Acts 13:46 18:6
 - 3. If you reject wisdom you are to blame for your own doom. 9:12b,18 8:36 29:1

- B. Be teachable. 9:8b-12a 8:32-35 3:7
 - 1. Seek wisdom! 8:32-35 Isa. 55:3
 - 2. The wise (God fearing) welcome correction. 9:8b-9 27:6 II Sam. 12 Gal. 2:11-14
 - 3. Wisdom will bless you with life. 9:10-12a 8:32-35 Ps. 1:1f
Christ is our life. I Jn. 5:11-12 John 1:4 14:6 11:25 5:24

V. Concluding Applications. Jer. 9:23-24

Questions for Family Worship.

- 1. What is the symbolic meaning of "Wisdom"? 8:1f 9:1f
- 2. Contrast the charms of Lady Wisdom with those of Madame Folly. 8:6-21
- 3. Is it possible to be "learned" but not wise? How?
- 4. What was the role of "Wisdom" in creation? 8:22-31
- 5. How does the role of Wisdom in creation like the role of Christ? John 1:1f
- 6. Contrast the feast of Lady Wisdom with the banquet of Madame Folly. 9:1-6 13-18
- 7. How does Christ, like Wisdom, offer mankind a feast? 9:1-6
- 8. Can a scoffer blame God (predestination) for his death? 8:36 9:12b
- 9. Are there some people who are not worth correcting? 9:7-9
- 10. Are you teachable? 9:9
- 11. How can you gain wisdom? 8:32-35