



Lesson 4 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Wisdom's Feast

### LESSON FOR JUNIORS

Study Scripture – Proverbs 9:1-6, 8-10, 13-18

Background Scripture – Proverbs 9

#### Key Verse:

*"Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding."*

**Proverbs 9:6**

#### INTRODUCTION

How many times can you remember ever refusing an invitation to a birthday party? I bet that if I had a bunch of children in the room and ask them to raise their hand to tell me how many times they turned down an invitation like that nobody would raise their hand.

If you knew that an elaborate feast with all kinds of food and goodies were going to be there at that party would you ever think of refusing an invitation to come and enjoy yourself?

If you did what kind of name should we call you?

Is it simpleminded, foolish, idiotic, lost it, wayward, not quite normal, or what?

Well to tell you the truth there are people who have gotten several invitations to learn how to make a success out of life, to avoid making mistakes in choosing careers, finances, dealing with people, and a host of other important issues. You would think that they would jump at learning or finding a way to develop these skills, but sadly many do not because they are simple. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived says that such people are fools and they keep on being foolish still they are gone into a bad situation and end up dead.

You certainly do not want that to happen to you.

So this Study Lesson is to remind you that there is an important and valuable thing you can get called **Wisdom**.

It tells you how you can get the skill to handle all of the difficulties of life and walk away from foolishness and a careless life that will get you nowhere.

So this **Wisdom** from God is a great offer for you do not have to pay anything for it. It is free. It is available for you 24 hours a day seven days a week.

**Wisdom** is pictured in the Bible as a beautiful and elegant person who goes everywhere people are to be found, talking to them about the benefits that knowing her would bring, and inviting

them to a Feast that she has prepared where you will have everything that you need to benefit you. This Feast is such an elaborate Feast that nothing will be missing. Every one of the goodies that you have ever wanted to have will be there.

It is therefore very important that you listen to **Wisdom** and what you are being offered. Its teaching is better than anything else that you will ever come across or find. It is more precious than gold and precious items. Knowing what **Wisdom** is teaching would prevent you from getting into trouble, and if you're in trouble it would get you out of that trouble.

**Wisdom** will teach you not to be careless. It will teach you who to avoid.

When you come to **Wisdom's** Feast you will learn knowledge which will improve your mind, and you would be able to develop technical skills to make things that are strong, beautiful, and desired. You will be a great craftsman or craftswoman.

You will learn at the Feast that there are some people that do not want to learn for they are wicked and they do not want to live by wise and moral teachings, and they do not want others to learn. They will mock those people who want to learn and tells them that learning and wisdom makes no sense.

But at **Wisdom's** Feast you will learn that you should avoid those people and do not spend your time trying to help them for they cannot be helped. If you do not listen to this advice at the Feast you would bring shame on yourself.

But at this Feast you will learn that there are some people who will love you if you see them making a mistake and correct them. If they are doing something that takes them out of a right relationship with the Lord they would welcome it when you correct them. They have a teachable spirit and they want to grow to be more and more godly. So you will learn that there are many pleasant people that need help and you should want to help them.

But before you can understand the practical ways to live and all the other ways of **Wisdom** the first step is to develop reverence and awe for the Lord God. He is the source of wisdom. When you meet Him you would begin to get understanding?

This is because the Lord God is really different from you. But there are some things about you that are like Him for He made you that way for you to be able to learn to understand a great deal about Him, and to be able to talk to Him and get help from Him whenever you need it.

He is the One that made or created the Heavens and Earth and trees and plants and the birds and He made you. He wants to have fellowship with you. He is absolutely holy and perfect, and He wants you to grow to be like Him. So He has made **Wisdom** so that you can be at a Feast with **Wisdom** and learn everything that you need to know so you will live a long and prosperous life **Wisdom** will be there to help you along all through your life. It will bring you many benefits. You cannot afford therefore to disregard its teachings.



Now **Wisdom** warns you however that sometimes when you are doing wrong things these will be exciting and look like a great adventure. Sometimes doing foolish things will appeal to you. But those foolish things are called Folly.

Sometimes when you try to steal things it might give you a thrill. When you take away something from somebody that does not belong to you it might seem exciting. It might feel good to bully others and treat them badly. But **Wisdom** will teach you that theft is always bad and it can lead to prison, loss of liberty, and it would lead to death instead of life.

So things that sometimes look attractive are not really so even if other people tell you that it is exciting and good.

**Wisdom** says it does not pay to be simpleminded and foolish. People should never call you careless and impulsive, doing things without thinking carefully about it. You should follow **Wisdom's** teaching making sure that you're following the ways Scripture has told you to follow. These are wise ways and there is nothing better.

If you do not follow these wise ways you will eventually die regretting that you did not obey God when you have a chance to do so.

So we advise you to remember to forsake and run away from the foolish for in doing so you will live. The only way to be happy and prosperous is to follow the way of understanding.

If you're unsure about what to do simply ask someone that is older than you and more experienced than you, but it must be someone you can trust. That is why you have parents and aunts and uncles.

Then you should go and try to find the verses in Scripture which give advice on the thing that you're thinking about doing. We are sure that people in your church will help you to find those verses even if you do not tell them exactly why you want to find those verses. That way you will have double coverage

So we pray that you will think carefully about this Lesson and follow the help it gives you inviting you to go to **Wisdom's Feast**.

