

] The Wine Which I Have Mingled [

Proverbs 9:1 – 10:4

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~ Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Brown are private Ivy League Universities. They are the four top-level colleges in the United States. However, there is a school that is even more prestigious than those; one which offers a stronger curriculum, and much better standards of wisdom than all four of those universities combined. The name of this school is the Academy of Wisdom at God's University. While Ivy League colleges are not available to everyone, the AW at GU is available tuition free to anyone and everyone who has a desire to learn truth and understand that which is right in the eyes of the Lord God Almighty – the Lord Jesus Christ; and the only textbook required is the Word of God.

Thus far in the Book of Proverbs, we have seen a young man — to whom this book of the Bible is directed — grow up in the home of King David and Bathsheba, head out on his own, and begin to meet women with whom he could potentially marry. At the time in which we are studying, this young man has completed his freshman, sophomore and junior year and is nearing the end of his senior year with his bachelor's degree. Later, in the Book of James, this same young man is going to earn his doctorate degrees — five of them — one for each chapter of the epistle written by James. Today is open enrollment for all who desire to know wisdom, understanding, have knowledge and, ultimately, master spiritual discernment. That means the Holy Spirit of God is calling to *Y-O-U*, my beloved readers, to come and take a front row seat in His Classroom and begin to learn now....

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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.

~ The number seven denotes completeness in Scripture; so the seven pillars speak of complete structural support in the house of wisdom. I repeatedly read comments concerning the twelve disciples of Jesus, and how they didn't have doctorate degrees, and they never went to seminary or receive theological training – and all of that stuff. Well, let me say this: anyone who spent every day of three years living with Jesus during His earthly ministry learned more about God, theology, religion, and spiritual matters than any man ever has since – and that includes Judas Iscariot. Those apostles weren't ignorant men. To imply their ignorance is the epitome of ignorance! You can just write that down.

Today, most people do not respect the education of men and women who worked to earn doctorate degrees and other achievements in their life. When referring to honorary degrees, or questionable institutes, I would agree – that is not legitimate. However, the man or woman who has spent eight to ten – or more – years at a reputable university making an attempt to earn accreditation, obtain licensing, and completing the requirements of their discipline deserves respect. Don't despise knowledge, friends; albeit, I understand the modern-day colleges cannot impart true wisdom. There just happen to be people who are a little bit smarter than you think they are; and they're likely much smarter than *YOU*. Facts are important; and the modern day teaching of "*common core*" education is one indication that the world has, literally, lost its way. Apparently, the Lord knew it would come to this....

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.

~ Either way, there are always going to be scorners. You will absolutely waste your time casting your pearls before swine with this person. Attempting to instruct him will cause him to turn around and bite you hard. Almost every church has a little group that resists the Word of God. This idea that we are to give them the Word of God and persevere in order that one day they might turn to Christ is not a Biblical viewpoint. When we teach sound doctrine, some people are going to hate us; especially the religious man. We'll do well to stay clear of them. Some people are so shallow, so empty, and so utterly ignorant that they not only won't receive the truth – they *CAN'T* receive the truth. There are those who know so little about the Word of God that they are thoroughly dangerous when handling it; and they will simply not accept being told anything other than that which their preconceived notions have already manufactured. The liberal fancies himself to be so broad-minded and so accepting and tolerant of everything; but they're the ones who are utterly closed-minded. It begins with banning the proper teaching of the Bible in schools. They honestly cannot recognize their hypocrisy. They want to teach evolution — which is fine with me; but they vehemently refuse and profusely prohibit *ANYTHING* being taught from the Bible. They call me a bigot; and hypocrisy drips from both sides of the mouths on their two faces. It's ignorance in its rawest form, friends. I don't care what type of education those people have — they're fools. Plain and simple. Many will pass on to judgment.

Yes, you are wasting your time trying to reason with those people. It has always been interesting to me how the less a man knows, the more he *thinks* he knows. The uneducated man views himself as a very smart entity. That's a rule of thumb that is as safe as saying rain falls from clouds from the sky. Well, the more a man really knows, the more he will recognize his limitations and recognize he doesn't really know much about anything. I'll be very honest with you readers — because I always am honest with you — the more I study the Bible, the more I realize how ignorant of it I really am. Frankly, you would be alarmed at how much I don't understand; or maybe you've already figured that out? The difference is I actually do study the Bible; sincerely searching for the Lord Jesus Christ on every page. Either way, let's just keep this as our little secret, readers, okay? ~

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 Jehovah 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.

~ Only an abject fool is comfortable living without God. Today, society is concerned with safety; safe products, safe cars and safety in the workplace. Everyone wants safety and security in every aspect of life. So much time and effort is spent preparing to perform safely; from paying insurance premiums to the food we eat – and those things are wise to consider, to be sure. However, what about eternity? You're going to enter your eternal state sooner than you might like to think you will. What are your plans for that time? How supremely foolish it is to live this life without the Lord Jesus Christ, and without a proper, correct and complete understanding of His Word.

If you're going to be a scorner who ridicules these things I am passing along then, make a note: you're going to come up for judgment. If you go on in your own way, laughing at the truth, you'll be the loser; I *P-R-O-M-I-S-E* you that. I'm sure this sounds positively crude to some people, but let me just give it to you straight: you're on your way to hell. On the other hand, those of you who really need to hear this message likely stopped reading a *LONG* time ago. I know atheists don't accept eternal wisdom. They ridicule me for being ridiculous. They assert sin doesn't even exist; and there is no soul or spirit. They say there is no hell and, if there is a Heaven, everyone will

ultimately go there anyways — and all that sort of thing. Well, frankly, if those things are true, then you and I end exactly the same: no harm — no foul. Unfortunately, there is that slim chance that I am right, and you are wrong. So, what then? I'll tell you what: you'll find yourself in a very bad place forevermore....

14 For the foolish 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.

~ This is strong and tragic language. The Academy of Wisdom and the school for fools are both appealing for the simple to enroll. Well, we're all simple starting out, friends. What matters is what and where we learn. Byron wrote, in his dying days, "... my days are now in their yellow leaf stage. The flower and fruit of life have passed. The worms of the garden, the bud blight and decay are now all that is left of me, and they are mine alone." That was a man who had everything in life: good looks, genius, fame, the applause of the world, wealth, women — and everything else you could possibly imagine. Recently, a famous movie and television star, who was an outstanding actor, relatively young, rich, well-loved by the world, funny, had a beautiful wife and children, had magnificent homes and had made many movies, committed suicide by hanging himself with his own belt. He left a note with some excuse about depression; but, friends, that man was simply bored with life — let's make sure we keep this thing real....

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1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

~ So, the school bell rings again dismissing this leg of our Spiritual Safari, and we'll resume this lesson in our next report. We're going to get down to business cramming in the final semester of our senior year. In this chapter, we see proverbs written and arranged by Solomon himself. The son that has gone to school and accomplished something by making good grades — and perhaps even being an outstanding athlete — is bragged about by his father continuously. However, the boy who didn't make the team and flunked out isn't talked about by dad at all — he is ignored completely. That boy's mother grieves constantly in heaviness for her son. Solomon didn't do so well with this advice, as we already know. Christ is our wisdom and Christ is our righteousness, friends. To have Christ is to have everything that honors our father and mother; which is the fifth commandment. What a true picture of life we have before us. Christians have problems down here on earth, and we all have it rough at many times, but satisfaction and blessing can only come from serving the Lord. Our treasures are not in or of this earth; our treasures are in Heaven....

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich ~

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