

2023.02.09 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 9:13–18

“Identifying Dangerous Girls, Women, and Desires”

- 13 A foolish woman is clamorous;
She is simple, and knows nothing.
- 14 For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat by the highest places of the city,
- 15 To call to those who pass by,
Who go straight on their way:
- 16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here”;
And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
- 17 “Stolen water is sweet,
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
- 18 But he does not know that the dead are there,
That her guests are in the depths of hell.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that like a woman who draws attention to herself and promises secret enjoyment, desires that attract us with a promise of secret sweetness are deadly.

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via hopewellarp.org)

Proverbs 9 verses 13 through 18. These are God's words. A foolish woman is clamorous for she is simple. A nose. Nothing. For she sits at the door of her house on a seat by the highest places of the city. To call to those who pass by who goes straight on their way.

Whoever is simple. Let him turn in here. And as for him who lacks understanding, Oh, and as for him who lacks understanding she says to him, Stolen water is sweet. And bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he does not know that the dead are there. That her guests.

Are in the depths of hell. So far the reading of god's inspired and In there and toward

Now, folly attracts attention. And yet, it is foolish. And the woman here is the sort of woman that Uh, wise people know about in every culture. She's being used to illustrate. What folly in general is like, but this is certainly a real and true woman. A woman who has no depth of character a woman.

It has to make a display of herself and Um, And be clamorous or boisterous drawing. Attention to herself is Uh, the idea here. Dresses in such a way as to be noticed, speaks in such a way, is to be noticed acts in such a way as to be noticed.

Well, my dear sons. If there is ever a girl or a woman like that, The thing that you must do is not notice her. Uh, do not. Let her have your attention. Uh, such a woman is foolish herself. She does not have the depth of character to be Gentle and quiet in her spirit which first Peter 3 says is what is very precious.

And the side of the lord, she is not adorned with modest. Modesty. But she adorns herself with everything except Modesty. She may, or Adorn herself with false modesty. As she speaks in such a way to draw attention to how humble she is. Wow. You laugh but that is how many people speak?

It's not just Foolish women. I have met many foolish pastors. Who speak about being humble and gracious and win some as they draw attention to themselves instead of christ when their speech. God, help us. Well, the foolish woman is clamorous. She is simple. And knows nothing. She appeals to everyone.

And you could tell. That she's foolish. Because she's appealing to their flesh. She's not appealing to them with the sweetness of the lord. She? Doesn't have a lord's day. Um, appropriate word for her tongue, or thought from her mind. She doesn't think the lord is sweet. And obedience is sweet.

And diligence is sweet. And generosity is sweet. No, she thinks stealing is sweet. She thinks that the sort of thing that, Um, That you can't let everybody know about. Is sweet. So, she says, Whoever is simple. Let him turn in here. Now, this is not the actual words that she uses.

So, the actual words that she uses, Are in verse 17. It's the one who lacks understanding. Who is tempted by being included in the, the secret and even sinful things, there's fun things that, you know, the lord speaks again or Uh, maybe She won't admit that, it's the lord who speaks against it.

But you know, it's those puritan people. It's this pious people. Who don't like this stuff. Oh, but we can enjoy it together. We don't have to let them know about it. We'll have our little group together. Well, it's not just foolish women, who are like that. There are many things.

That you may fall into thinking, oh, there's nobody looking. So now i can enjoy this. Watch out. Because when you think that way, It is your flesh. That hides in the darkness and doesn't want to be exposed by the light. That thinks that way. And you might be someone who's at least wise enough to avoid the foolish woman and yet your own folly, your own remaining sin inside, you appeals to you the same way.

So we must have the wisdom. To resist, the appeal of something that That we think we can enjoy because people aren't looking or because nobody can hear us? Or no one will find out. When you start to give into that kind of thinking, Then whenever you have an opportunity, your reflex more and more becomes immediately to go to your sin.

And yet, the foolish woman here. As she sits at the door of her house, on her front porch and invites people in and It sounds like it's going to be sweet and enjoyable and we're special because we get to be in the in the special group in the secret group that does the things that other people would disapprove of.

But what you can't see is that there's a trapdoor Dust on the other side of the threshold in the entryway of her house. And it goes all the way to hell. And so, The the one who has taken in. By lady folly. He steps through the door. And plummets to his death.

And worse than death. He does not know. That the dead are there. That her guests are in the depth of hell. When you're remaining sin, the fleshliness of your heart, Is tempted to do things because it seems enjoyable to get away with those things. It is the path to hell.

Run for your life. Do not go in. So, Here, the spirit using the foolish woman as an illustration. Teaches us two lessons. To avoid her. And to avoid our own folly. Our own god denying. Remaining sinful our own. What is left of our sinful nature?

The lesson about the foolish woman, by the way, my dear daughter says not just for the boys to avoid them. It's for you not to be them. Do not try to dress in such a way. Or talk in such a way or sing in such a way or act in such a way as to draw attention to yourself.

When you act like that you're showing, That you think? Not like god, about what's beautiful, and what's precious? And, But like what men in their sinfulness think. Is beautiful and precious. No, adorn yourself with modesty. Like we learned earlier in first Timothy, and like we learned All over the bible.

I thank you, lord for reminding us of the danger. Of being taken in by that. Which looks Enticing tempting. And promises. Secret enjoyment. Lower to pray that you would keep my daughters from being such women. Keep my sons from being. Enticed by such girls or such women. We pray that you would keep all of us.

From giving into the way. Are remaining sin. Allures us promises secret pleasure. Oh, lord. Help us to find you suite, help us to find righteousness suite. Help us to find walking with you sweet. Don't allow us to be those who hate the light. Because our deeds are evil. What make us?

Those who love the light? Because the light exposes that our deeds are done in you. Oh god. By your grace and for your glory. We ask it in jesus name. Amen.