



# Feasting in Folly's Tomb





## PROVERBS 9:13-18 - MESSAGE

If you feast on sin's pleasures  
your reward will be death at  
your journey's end

*Prov 9:1-6 Message – Feast on God's word to nourish you for each day's journey*



## Proverbs 9 – Structure: Competing invitations

Lady Wisdom invites us to a feast of learning and life (1-6)

**Spiritual orientations** trigger contrasting responses to wisdom (7-12)

Dame Folly invites us to a feast of pleasure and peril (13-18)



# Transitions in Proverbs

**Real**

Adulterous wife

(2:16-19; 5:1-14; 6:24-35; 7:1-27)



**Figurative**

Dame Folly

(9:13-18)

**Figurative**

Lady Wisdom

(1:20-31; 8:1-36; 9:1-6)



**Real**

Excellent wife

(14:1; 24:3; 31:10-31)



# Lady Wisdom vs Dame Folly

“‘Lady Wisdom’ and ‘Dame Folly’ both say, ‘Listen to me’ (Prov. 8-9), and in principle they are utterly different voices. But sometimes the same person speaks a bit with both voices. The same person who is a means of grace may be at other times a means of confusion”

(David Powlison, *Seeing With New Eyes*, p. 201).



# Proverbs 9:13-18

- I. Dame Folly has nothing nourishing prepared for her feast (13-15)**
- II. Dame Folly invites you to her feast of sinful pleasures (16-17)**
- III. Dame Folly's feast leads to a tragic end (18)**



## PROVERBS 9:13-15

“Lacking firm determination, the gullible are vulnerable prey to those who know full well what they want”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:445)

***Without resolve, you are no match for those who are resolved to sin with you***





## PROVERBS 9:13-15

“People tend to sin once they  
fix their eyes on the  
temptation”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:445)



# Tell them the **WHOLE** truth

“The passing pleasures of sin” (Heb 11:25)

“Passing”:

- Can't satisfy
- Temporary, transitory, short-lived

“Sin”:

- Rebellion against God (see penalty, Prov 9:18)

Superiority of God's way: sex within marriage satisfies (Prov 5; Song of Solomon; Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:12-19; Heb 13:4)



**Parents, teachers, mentors...**

**Be truth-tellers, but be  
whole-truth-tellers**





PROVERBS 9:18

“Sin’s last act is always tragic”

(Thomas Watson, *The Mischief of Sin*, p. 20)