

Proverbs 9 Lady Wisdom and the Fear of YHVH is the Beginning of Wisdom

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Introduction

I wrote this article because I found similar symbols in Lev 24. Plus I also like of course verse 10 which states “The fear of YHVH is the beginning of wisdom...”. I like this verse because of my commentary that goes with it.

Pro 9 1-18 Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

The Way of Wisdom

The discipline

¹ Wisdom hath builded her ^A house, ^B she hath hewn out her seven pillars: ^C ² She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished עֲרֹכָה ^{'a-re-Chah H6186} her table שְׁלֹחַנָה ^{shul-cha-Nah}. ^D ³ She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

and the doctrine of wisdom

⁴ Whoso is simple פְּתִי ^{Fe-ti}, ^E let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding לֵב ^{Lev}, ^F she saith to him, ⁵ Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. ⁶ Forsake עֲזָבוּ ^{'iz-Vu} the foolish פְּתָאִים ^{fe-ta-Yim}, and live וַחֲיוּ ^{vich-Yu}; and go in the way of understanding בִּינָה ^{bi-Nah}. ⁷ He that reproveth a scorner לֵץ ^{letz} getteth to himself shame קָלוֹן ^{ka-Lon}: and he that rebuketh וּמוֹכִיחַ ^{u-mo-Chi-ach} a wicked

^A Israel is the bride of YHVH

^B Lev 24:3 the tabernacle of the congregation בְּאֹהֶל ^{be-O-hel} מוֹעֵד ^{mo-'Ed},

^C **Lev 24:2** Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. **Lev 24:4** He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick הַמְּנִרָה ^{ham-me-no-Rah} before the LORD continually.

^D **H6186** Word-Study-**H6186**-erek-array-order-H6187-erek-estimation, article #[185](#).

^E To be a simple man is to not be a simpleton.

^F H3820 KJC:595, heart(s)(ed)⁵¹⁶, mind(ed)¹³, understanding¹⁰, wisdom⁶. Figure of speech i.e. an understanding heart.

לְרָשָׁע *le-ra-Sha'* man getteth himself a blot מוֹמוֹ *mu-Mo*. ⁸ Reprove תּוֹכַח *To-chach* not a scorner, lest he hate
 יִשְׁנֹאֲךָ *yis-na-'E-ka*: thee: rebuke a wise man לְחָכֵם *le-cha-Cham*, and he will love וַיֵּאָהֲבֶךָ *ve-ye-'e-ha-Ve-ka*. thee. ⁹ Give
 instruction לְחָכֵם *le-cha-chom*, and he will be yet wiser וַיְחַכְּמֶם *ve-yech-kam-*: teach
 הַיָּדָע *ho-Da'* a just לְצַדִּיק *le-tzad-Dik*, man, and he will increase וַיּוֹסֶף *ve-Yo-sef* in learning לְקַח *Le-kach*.
¹⁰ The fear יִרְאַת *yir-'At* of YHVH ^G is the beginning תְּחִלַּת *te-chil-Lat* of wisdom חֲכָמָה *choch-mah*: and the
 knowledge וְדַעַת *ve-Da-'at* of the holy קִדְשִׁים *ke-do-Shim* is understanding בִּינָה *bi-Nah*. ^H ¹¹ For by me thy days
 shall be multiplied יִרְבּוּ *yir-Bu*, and the years of thy life shall be increased וַיּוֹסִיפוּ *ve-yo-Si-fu*. ^I ¹² If thou be wise,
 thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear תִּשָּׂא *tis-Sa*. it.

The Way of Folly

The custom

¹³ A foolish כְּסִילוֹת *Ke-si-lut* woman אִשָּׁת *'E-shet* ^J is clamorous הַמְיָה *ho-mi-Yah*: she is simple פְּתִיּוֹת *pe-tai-Yut* ^K,
 and knoweth nothing. ¹⁴ For she 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:

and error of folly

¹⁶ Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ¹⁷ Stolen
 מַיִם *ge-nu-Vim* waters are sweet יִמְתְּקוּ *yim-Ta-ku*, and bread eaten in secret סִתְרִים *se-ta-Rim* is pleasant

^G You have nothing to fear but the fear of Elohim....FDR call your office. If you say “You have nothing to fear but fear itself”, are you making null and void “the Fear of Elohim”. I posit that it’s to the advantage of a good progressive socialists to preach against the fear of YHVH. First, their new / progressive gospel message is to suggest that believing and fearing the God of the Bible is *so passé*...you hillbilly, okie, sod kicking, simpleton need to get with the times.

Second, the new god, the god of socialism is *soooo* much better. Of course we won’t actually describe it that way with those *icky* religious terms nor will we be honest and transparent about the reality of what comes from this brand spanking new god. And what is that you ask? Well, it turns out the god of socialism also wants a tribute (except we now call it a tax) and you get to fear a new thing....the IRS. (I guess the fear never really goes away). Isn’t are new god just wonderful? This new god is a bit like Molech, remember him from that *fuddy duddy* Old Testament where ancient Israelites were burning their sons and daughters in the fire of Moloch? Well he’s back (sort of). It turns out we don’t have to throw our children into a fire as an offering, but, now we get to sacrifice the future earnings of your children to him to pay the tax/tribute that this new progressive religion demands.

^H See also **Pro 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

^I Makes sense. If you’re doing good works, i.e. the works of YHVH, why wouldn’t he want you around more?

Having said that, I wonder what the contrast between to two things which, on the surface seem to be saying the same thing.

shall be increased: i.e. in importance. Not necessarily in number. See note on Pro 3:16 (Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.). Source CB Notes

^J Contrast with Pro 9:1.

^K H6615 *petayuth* v. H6612 (verse 4) edenics? Petty?

יְנַעֵם *yin-'Am*. **18** But he ^L knoweth not that the dead רְפָאִים *re-fa-'Im* are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell שְׁאוֹל *she-'ol*.

^L That is, the fool who listens to her.

Appendix 75 SPECIAL PASSAGES IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS ACQUIRING NEW LIGHT.^M

In the Companion notes to the Book of Proverbs, it will be observed that certain words are carefully discriminated: such as the words for "fool", "poor"; the singular and plural of the wicked, the righteous, &c., are noted. But certain proverbs also are presented in a new light altogether. Among these are the following:

Verse	Word
1:7	"The fear of the LORD"
1:17	"In vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird"
2:7	"He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous"
3:2, 16	"Length of days" supposed to be given by "wisdom" See also 4:10; 9:11; 10:27
5:2	"That thy lips may keep knowledge"
5:14	"Almost all in evil"
16:1	"The preparations of the heart in man... is from the LORD"
21:1	"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD as the rivers of water"
21:4	"An high look, and a proud heart is sin"

^M This is Appendix 75 from The Companion Bible.