

# **Sweet Temptation**

Proverbs 9:1-6, Romans 7:19, Romans 7:22-24, Psalms 104:24, Psalms 104:27-30, Proverbs 8:1-9, Proverbs 8:23-31, Proverbs 9:13-18

## Wisdom

- Wisdom established her house on a firm foundation.
- The very order of creation was based on God's wisdom.
- This universe in which we live is God's house built by His wisdom supported by seven pillars.
- Wisdom's house, like God's creation, was built in an orderly fashion.
- Wisdom invites us to come into her house, but we have to be the ones who make the choice to enter.

# Folly

- Eve, and then Adam, made the choice to eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- Because of the action of Adam and Eve, free will entered creation
- Folly has placed herself where she can influence or tempt the most people just as people of power continue to do today.
- Everything that the world offers us comes from the universe that God created.
- Wisdom and Folly, do not force people to come into their houses and partake in their feasts.

#### Sin

- Satan cannot compel us, he can only tempt us, but ultimately, we have to make that choice.
- What happened in the Garden of Edan still happens today.
- It is the "sweetness" of sin that makes it so tempting.
- Wisdom and Folly both call out to the simple, but one offers abundant life and the other offers death.

## Our Choice

- Over time, we either grow in wisdom or folly.
- What we love determines where we are headed, where we end up, and who we become.
- Every sinner must turn his or her back upon either their Savior or their sin
- Satan or Folly can only take what God has created, distort it and use it to tempt us and ultimately destroy us.

#### Conclusion

- Wisdom cannot compel us to come into her house, but she does her best to warn us and help us to make the right choice.
- We do not have to bind ourselves or others with rules and regulations.
- The fear of the Lord is to love Him, to hear His song so clearly that the song of sin is drowned out completely.
- Wisdom's voice will not be the only voice that you will hear today.