

# Proverbs - Chapter 8 & 9

**Wisdom's Second Appeal** As in Proverbs 1:20-33, Solomon again portrays wisdom as a woman who calls out to be heard. The first major section of Proverbs then ends with Proverbs 9 where Solomon draws a contrast between the woman of wisdom and the woman of folly. Consider the chapters and the following questions.

1. In previous classes, we have emphasized that, due to her public proclamations, wisdom wants to be found. What might verses 8:1-3 additionally suggest about the intended audience of her message?
2. Most of us seek wisdom in the form of advice or information to help answer difficult questions. According to wisdom's appeal in verses 8:4-11, what is the quality of her message that makes it exceptional (especially verses 8:6-9)?
3. There are many ways in which we invite evil to enter our everyday lives. What does verse 8:13 suggest about the attitude we should cultivate towards evil things? By the parallelism of verse 8:13, what is the evil I should hate?
4. According to verses 8:22-30, when was wisdom 'set up' or 'brought forth'? What specific created things does wisdom precede? What do you think this section teaches us about pursuing wisdom?
5. What similarities and differences can you find in the appeals of the woman of wisdom (9:1-6) and the woman of folly (9:13-18)?