



From Word to World
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Proverbs 9, p. 533
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Introduction

In this passage we examine the biblical guidelines for connecting Scripture to contemporary issues.

The Text: Proverbs 9

- 1) Scripture is our final authority in all things, but it does not directly address or speak to all things.
- 2) Scripture teaches and instructs Christians in both explicit and implicit ways.

LBC 1.6: “everything essential for [God’s] glory and man’s salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated or by necessary inference contained in the Holy Scriptures. ... We recognize that some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the church are common to human actions and organizations and are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian wisdom.”

- 3) Wisdom is the way a Christian moves from God’s Word to God’s world (v. 10).

Prov. 9:10: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- 4) Here are five guidelines for moving from God’s Word to God’s world:

- a) *Distinguish between biblical law and biblical wisdom.*
- b) *Be honest about the difference between straight-line and jagged-line issues.*
- c) *Have your volume and tone match whether the topic is a straight-line or jagged-line issue.*
- d) *Make sure your response to issues includes integrity, humility, and the fruit of the Spirit.*
- e) *When offering a solution to an issue, verify that it is directed by faith, hope, and love.*
 - Faith: the Gospel Test – Does the solution match the human condition and divine solution?
 - Hope: the Heaven Test – Does the solution align with God’s plan and the way things will be?
 - Love: the Greatest Commandment Test – Does the solution promote loving God and neighbor?

Response

Christ is the beginning of wisdom, and the spectacles through which we see and live in the world.

Sunday Text Questions for Proverbs 9 (“From Word to World”)

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- 1) Starter Question: What would a person look like who exhibits biblical wisdom?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What are the opening verses (vv. 1-6) telling us about “wisdom?”
- 4) What do vv. 7-9 reveal teach us when they contrast a scoffer (or fool) with a wise man?
- 5) Based upon v. 9, why do wise people listen or obey instruction?
- 6) V. 10 (like Proverbs 1:7) states the theme of Proverbs and the motto of wisdom. What is v. 10 teaching us about the nature of wisdom?
- 7) How does our relationship with and reverence for God make us wise?
- 8) How does the Bible help us attain and practice wisdom?
- 9) How should Christians use God’s Word to rightly see and live in God’s world?
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (desire), and/or *love* (duty)?

Further study this week: Proverbs 1 on the invitation to wisdom (Mon); 1 Corinthians 1 on Christ as wisdom (Tues); James 1 on asking for wisdom (Wed); James 3 on wisdom from above (Thurs); Ephesians 1 on spiritual wisdom in Christ (Fri).