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I just opened A Gospel Primer and saw that the next reason to rehearse the gospel to ourselves every day is because it's called "the gospel of the glory of Christ." And the glory of Christ, according to 2 Corinthians 3:18, is what transforms us to be more like Jesus. The author says, "as I habitually gaze upon the glory of the Lord revealed in the gospel, I can know that actual deposits of God's very glory are attaching themselves to my person and transforming me from one level of glory to another." How cool is that! Deposits of glory as we focus on the gospel!!! I'd say that's an excellent reason to rehearse the gospel to ourselves every day!!! I pray that you and I get some sweet glory deposits today. 😊

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Proverbs 9:1-18 ~

This chapter is very interesting. It depicts both wisdom and folly as women who call for people to join them. But their call has very different results. Both call to "the simple," the naive. The woman of wisdom offers to help the simple become wise. The woman of foolishness tells the simple to indulge in their simplicity. Her call is a trap that leads to death.

This is why I need to always be praying for myself and my loved ones. The foolish woman doesn't just let them come if they want to. She actively pursues them and promises satisfaction but delivers destruction.

Where does wisdom start??? Vs. 10 tells me that it starts with "the fear of the Lord." That makes sense. He is the source of wisdom. To fear Him is to trust Him, to worship Him. If I'm unwilling to go to the source of wisdom, I won't have wisdom... and I won't go to Him if I don't trust Him.

The fear of the Lord is more than attitude, it's also a relationship. It's the way I can know and understand my Holy, pure, sacred God personally! The more I know Him, the more I will trust Him and worship Him and be in awe of Him.

So wisdom calls in vs. 1-6. She has built a house with foundations. She's solid, unshakable. She's prepared a feast! She's sent women out to call out to the simple and those whose hearts are in need. They call out from the highest places so everyone can hear. She calls them to leave their simple ways for something much better. She offers to help them walk in the way of insight and understanding.

The woman of foolishness calls in vs. 13-18. She's just loud. She herself is simple and has no understanding. She's like the blind leading the blind. She sits at her house at the top of the city... She tries to model herself after wisdom, but she's a counterfeit. She calls to anyone who passes by. She says, "If you're simple and don't understand, turn in here. I will offer you the chance to indulge in your selfish desires. You don't need wisdom. You don't need truth. Rules are meant to be broken. Righteousness is boring. Stolen water is much sweeter than pure water. Hiding in the secret places and eating the bread of indulgence is much more satisfying." She is deceived and she deceives whoever will believe that indulging selfish desires will bring satisfaction. But her way is the way of death and destruction.

Oh, how I was caught in her lies!!! I believed that God was a tyrant and task master that I could never please, and so I avoided Him. I didn't think, "Yes, I want the way of folly." Instead, I was trying to be wise in my own eyes, and I thought, "I can control my circumstances better than God, and I don't have to face His disappointment if I ignore Him." The thing is, He was calling me to Himself and offering me a feast of His delicacies, paid for by the blood of Jesus! O Lord, I praise You for not giving up on me!!! This is why I pray so diligently for my grandchildren to know You. I don't want them to face the consequences of folly as I did. Yes, You forgave me and cleansed me. But I still have the scars on my heart because of my own bad choices. Praise Your name... I will not have scars in heaven!!!

Well... how bad is foolishness anyway? How good is wisdom? According to vs. 7-12 ~

- *Trying to correct a scoffer won't turn his heart. It only causes him to lash out at me. A scoffer is a simple fool who spirals down into mocking others who aren't like him. He spirals down to being outright wicked, and he will try to hurt the one who tries to help him turn to the Lord and His wisdom. This is why I pray for who my loved ones hang out with. O Lord, let them have discernment so that they don't lean on the scoffers and the wicked. Let them not be deceived by their flattery and manipulation... by those who are themselves deceived.*
- *The scoffer HATES the person who tries to correct him, even if that person is correcting him in love. Someone who hates will use harsh words and blame the one who's trying to help. I pray that I will not, and my loved ones will not, receive the hateful accusations of a scoffer as truth. Their motivation is to hurt, not to restore.*
- *The wise person who loves the Lord will receive correction from another wise person as an act of love, and will love the person who corrects him. He will understand that the*

person is for him and not against him... as Jesus is FOR me and not AGAINST me... and never was.

- *The wise person will grow wiser as she receives instruction. Proverbs 12:1 says, "Whoever loves discipline (training) loves knowledge, but whoever hates reproof is stupid." Yikes! Father, please help me not to be stupid!!! And help my loved ones to love to receive instruction so that they can grow in wisdom!*
- *The wise person is also a person who grows in righteousness. There is no righteousness without God's wisdom. Of course, the foolish person doesn't care about righteousness. She cares about getting her way. But what if her way is not good? O Lord, please help us to trust Your sovereign truth!*
- *The scoffer will bear the penalty of his scoffing, though he thinks he's inflicting penalty. It will come back on him.*
- *The wise person will be wise in decisions and will bear the benefit of his wisdom. He pours out wisdom and he experiences wisdom because of it. There's really no disadvantage to having wisdom from the Lord.*

In a nutshell, nothing good comes from the fool, and nothing good comes to the fool. He's unwilling to learn. The wise person is teachable and grows in wisdom. And all of this wisdom is sourced in a trusting relationship with Jesus. O Lord, please help me to run from folly and run to Your wisdom. Your word says in James 1 that You generously give it without reproach. I see here that You really do want to lavish us with all that is good. Thank You. I pray that all my loved ones will choose to run to Your wisdom, too!!!