

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 25, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Collin Hamlin, Worship Intern

***Call to Worship - Psalm 119:97-104**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Be Thou My Vision

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 26:26-29**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

Song of Comfort - *Come Ye Sinners

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Wisdom's Invitation to the Feast Proverbs 9:1-6

Song of Response - *Come to The Feast

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Colossians 1:9-10**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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“WISDOM’S INVITATION TO THE FEAST”

PROVERBS 9:1-6

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: God's wisdom makes its place among us and invites us to feast upon its life-giving insight.

Introduction:

Q: What is your dominant emotional reaction when you hear talk about seeking God's wisdom?

Proverbs 9:1-6: Wisdom Has Prepared a Feast

“Who would not delight to read a book, the reading of which would change one from useless chaff to a mighty cedar of Lebanon, from a Texas dust bowl to a Hawaiian orchard? Nobody deep down wants to be chaff — rootless, weightless, useless. All of us want to draw strength from some deep river of reality and become fruitful, useful people. That river of reality is the word of God, and all the great saints have been made great by it.”

John Piper, *How to Delight in God's Word*

“[Christ] invented—as an author invents characters in a novel—all the different men [and women] that you and I were intended to be. And in that sense our real selves are all waiting for us in Him. It is no good trying to ‘be myself’ without Him. The more I resist Him and try to live on my own, the more I become dominated by my own heredity and upbringing and surroundings and natural desires. In fact, what I so proudly call ‘Myself’ becomes merely the meeting place for trains of events which I never started and which I cannot stop. What I call ‘my wishes’ become merely the desires thrown up by my physical organism or pumped into me by other men's thoughts or even suggested to me by devils...It is when I turned to Christ, when I give myself up to His Personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own...Until you have given up yourself to Him you will not have a real self. Sameness is to be found among the most ‘natural’ men, not among not among those who surrender to Christ. How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been; how gloriously different are all the saints.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Application:

Proverbs 9:1-6 teaches us that God's wisdom:

- has made its place among us
- invites us to feast upon its life-giving insight

Benediction: *Colossians 1:9-10*