Bible Alive 365 – Day #155

Proverbs 7-9

Proverbs 7:1-27 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. **2** Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. **3** Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. **4** Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman: **5** That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words. **6** For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, **7** And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, **8** Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, **9** In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: **10** And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. **11** (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: **12** Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) **13** So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him, **14** *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. **15** Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. **16** I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works,* with fine linen of Egypt. **17** I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. **18** Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. **19** For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey: **20** He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed. **21** With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. **22** He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; **23** Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life. **24** Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. **25** Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. **26** For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. **27** Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 8:1-36 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? **2** She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. **3** She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. **4** Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man. **5** O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. **6** Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things. **7** For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. **8** All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them. **9** They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. **10** Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. **11** For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. **12** I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. **13** The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. **14** Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength. **15** By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. **16** By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth. **17** I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. **18** Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea,* durable riches and righteousness. **19** My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. **20** I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: **21** That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. **22** The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **23** I was set up

from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **24** When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. **25** Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: **26** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **27** When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: **28** When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: **29** When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: **30** Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him:* and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him; **31** Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men. **32** Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways. **33** Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **34** Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. **35** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. **36** But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Proverbs 9:1-18 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: **2** She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. **3** She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, **4** Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, **5** Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled. **6** Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. **7** He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man getteth* himself a blot. **8** Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. **9** Give *instruction* to a wise *man,* and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man,* and he will increase in learning. **10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. **11** For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. **12** If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it.* **13** A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing. **14** For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, **15** To call passengers who go right on their ways: **16** Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, **17** Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant. **18** But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.