

Evening Worship Service (27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008)  
Theme: Wisdom Is The Principal Thing  
Title: The Fear Of The Lord Is The Beginning Of Wisdom  
Text: Proverbs 9:1-10  
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## **(I) THE FIVE ASPECTS OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

### **1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom**

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10*

### **2. To understand the fear of the Lord is to seek wisdom as treasure**

*"If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as for hidden treasures;  
Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,  
And find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:4-5*

### **3. To fear the Lord is to hate evil**

*"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil..." Proverbs 8:13*

*"The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life..." Proverbs 14:27*

### **4. The fear of the Lord gives life**

*"...To turn one away from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:27*

### **5. The fear of the Lord has its rewards**

*"By humility and the fear of the LORD  
Are riches and honour and life." Proverbs 22:4*

## **(II) THE SUCCESS OF WISDOM**

### **1. Wisdom described as a great house**

*"Wisdom has built her house,  
She has hewn out her seven pillars;" Proverbs 9:1*

### **2. Wisdom described as a feast**

*"She has slaughtered her meat,  
She has mixed her wine,  
She has also furnished her table." Proverbs 9:2*

### 3. Wisdom described as an excellent host

*"She has sent out her maidens..." Proverbs 9:3*

## (IV) THE INVITATION OF WISDOM

### 1. Wisdom Cries Out

*"Come, eat of my bread  
And drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Forsake foolishness and live,  
And go in the way of understanding." Proverbs 9:5-6*

### 2. All Are Invited

*"...She cries out from the highest places of the city,  
'Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!'  
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him..." Proverbs 9:3-4*

## (V) CHOOSING OUR RESPONSES

### 1. Choosing To Be The Wise Man

*"...Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.  
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Proverbs 9:8-9*

### 2. Choosing To Be The Unwise Man

*"He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,  
And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.  
Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you..." Proverbs 9:7-8*