

March 30, 2016
“Morality and Culture”
Proverbs 5 and 6

- I. **The Dangers of Immorality (5:1-14)**
 - A. **Importance of Purity** *“My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen closely to my understanding so that you may maintain discretion and your lips safeguard knowledge.”* (5:1-2)
 - B. **Immensity of Temptation** *“Though the lips of the forbidden woman drip honey and her words are smoother than oil.”* (5:3)
 - C. **Inevitability of Judgment** *“In the end she’s as bitter as wormwood and as sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps head straight for Sheol. She doesn’t consider the path of life; she doesn’t know that her ways are unstable.”* (5:4-6)
 - D. **The Results of Immorality (7-14)**
 - 1. **Lack of Restraint** *“Don’t go near the door of her house”* (8)
 - 2. **Loss of Vitality** *“Otherwise you will give up your vitality to others”* (9)
 - 3. **Length of Years** *“your years to someone cruel”* (9)
 - 4. **Liquidation of Assets** *“Strangers will drain your resources and your earnings will end up in a foreigner’s house.”* (10)
 - 5. **Left to Disease** *“When your physical body has been consumed”* (11)
 - 6. **Libelous Reputation** *“I am on the verge of complete ruin, before the entire community”* (14)
- II. **The Joys of Marriage (5:15-19)**

“...take pleasure in the wife of your youth.” (5:15-19)
- III. **The Vital Importance of Self-Discipline (5:20-23)**
 - A. **Discernment** – Infatuation with a forbidden woman is in contrast to pleasure in the wife of your youth (18)
 - B. **Accountability** – *“For a man’s ways are before the Lord’s eyes and He considers all his paths”* (21)
 - C. **Judgment** – *“A wicked man’s inequities entrap him and he is entangled in the ropes of his own sin”* (22)
- IV. **The Way to Avert Disaster (6:20-35)**

- A. Following God's Light *"For a command is a lamp, teaching is a light, and corrective discipline is the way to life. They will protect you from an evil woman, from the flattering tongue of a stranger."* (6:23-24)
- B. Following God's Instruction *"Don't lust in your heart for her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyelashes."* (6:25)
- C. Heeding God's Warning *"Can a man embrace fire and his clothes not be burned? Can a man walk on burning coals without scorching his feet? So it is with the one who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished."* (6:27-29)
- D. Understanding the Consequences of Sin *"The one who commits adultery lacks sense; whoever does so destroys himself."* (6:32)

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