

Sexual Sin is Deadly

Proverbs 7:1 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.

- Sexual sin often begins with undisciplined eyes and hands
- Sexual sin is a heart problem
- Sexual sin is proof of a lack of love for our family
- This is the story of a naive young man who falls into the trap of an adulteress, the strange woman
- Pretty easy to blame the woman but the young man put himself in a place to be tempted and destroyed

- Remember that somebody is always watching **7:6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,**

1. Truths to live by

- a. He has been given truths about this strange woman earlier in **Proverbs 2:16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, Even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, And forgetteth the covenant of her God. 5:7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, And depart not from the words of my mouth. 8 Remove thy way far from her, And come not nigh the door of her house: 9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, And thy years unto the cruel: 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; And thy labours be in the house of a**

stranger; **11** And thou mourn at the last, **When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,** **12** And say, **How have I hated instruction, And my heart despised reproof;** **13** And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! **6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:** **24** To keep thee from the evil woman, From the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. **25** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids. **26** For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a **piece of bread:** And the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. **27** Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? **28** Can one go upon hot coals, And his feet not be burned? **29** So he that **goeth in to his neighbour's wife;** Whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. **30** Men do not despise a thief, if he steal To satisfy his soul when he is hungry; **31** But *if*

he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; He shall give all the substance of his house. **32** *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman **lacketh understanding: He that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.** **33** A wound and dishonour shall he get; And his reproach shall not be wiped away. **34** For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.**35** He will not regard any ransom; Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

- b. Solomon is telling his son the truth to save him from hurt and pain. These words should be learned, lived, and remembered **Proverbs 7:1** *My son, keep my words,*
- c. Keep these truths close to you so that you will not forget them **And lay up my commandments with thee. 2** *Keep my commandments, and live;*
- d. Work at loving these truths and protecting these truths like you would your very eye **And my law as the apple of thine eye.**
- e. Keep them in front of you all the time **3** *Bind them upon thy fingers, Write them upon the table of thine heart.*

- f. Don't see them as hindering you but as great truths that protect you and that you love **4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; And call understanding thy kinswoman:**
- g. As he ends his lesson at the end of the chapter he calls on his son to listen and to obey **24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, And attend to the words of my mouth.**
- h. Keep and protect your heart that is the most important issue **25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways,**
- i. Stay away from where she goes **Go not astray in her paths.**
- j. Understand that she hurts lots of people **26 For she hath cast down many wounded: Yea, many strong men have been slain by her.**
- k. If you do not listen you will be destroyed **27 Her house is the way to hell, Going down to the chambers of death.**

2. The strange woman

- a. Flatters with her words **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,
- b. Dresses to call attention to her body 10 And, behold, there met him a **woman** *With the attire* of an harlot,
- c. She played games with people and **subtil** of heart.
- d. Has a rebellious spirit towards any in authority 11 (*She is loud and stubborn;*
- e. She needs to be out with the people and crowds not in her home **Her feet abide not in her house:** 12 *Now is she without, now in the streets,*
- f. She is looking for who she can catch *And lieth in wait at every corner.*) 13 So she **caught him, and kissed him,**
- g. She has no respect for anyone *And with an impudent face said unto him,*
- i. She had no respect for God 14 *I have peace offerings with me; This day have I payed my vows.*
- ii. No respect for the young fool either 15 *Therefore came I forth to meet thee, Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.*

- iii. She has no respect for herself either 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.
- iv. She has no respect for her family 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.
- v. She is pushy, get her way woman 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, With the flattering of her lips she forced him.

3. The Young man

- a. This young man is simple or easy to deceive 7 *And beheld among the **simple ones**, I discerned among the youths,*
- b. Not the brightest young man, he can't see what is being done to him, he doesn't get it **A young man** void of *understanding,*

c. What is he doing going any where near where she lives 8

Passing through the street near her corner;

d. How does he even know where she lives, has he been enjoying this little game for a while, getting it set up or what **And he went the way to her house,**

e. What is he doing out at these hours, what good is going on outside in the dark night 9 **In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night:**

f. He is acting like a dumb animal right now 22 **He goeth after her straightway, As an ox goeth to the slaughter,**

g. He is a fool that doesn't realize what is about to happen to him, to dumb to figure it out **Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; 23 Till a dart strike through his liver;**

h. He is too interested in getting what he sees to think about the trap that has been set for him **As a bird hasteth to the snare, And knoweth not that it is for his life.**

- Society today not only smiles at sexual sin, it actually approves it and encourages it.

- People resent it when you call their sexual practices a sin and say that everybody is doing it
- Warnings here about sexting, about porn, about many movies that might stir up interest, about friendships that imply that interest in sex outside of marriage is ok