2024.03.05 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day" Proverbs 5:3–14

"A Deadly Serious Warning for Church Members"

- ³ "For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;
- But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.
- Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.
- Lest you ponder her path of life— Her ways are unstable; You do not know them.
- Therefore hear me now, my children, And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,
- Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one;
- Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, And your labors go to the house of a foreigner;
- And you mourn at last, When your flesh and your body are consumed,
- And say:
 "How I have hated instruction,
 And my heart despised correction!
- I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!
- I was on the verge of total ruin, In the midst of the assembly and congregation"

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these twelve verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that the sin of sexual immorality easily ensnares church members, ruining their souls and generations of their household.

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Proverbs 5 verses 3 through 14. These are God's words. For the lips of an immoral woman drip, honey. And her mouth is smoother than oil. But in the end, she is bitter as wormwood. Sharp. There's a two-edged sword. Her feet. Go down to Hell to sorry. Her feet go down to death.

Her steps lay hold of Hell.

Lest you Ponder her path of life. Her ways are unstable. You do not know them. Therefore hear me now my children. And do not depart from the words of my mouth. Remove your way far from her. Do not go near the door of her house. Lest you give your honor to others.

And your years to the cruel. One lust, aliens be filled with your wealth. And your labors go to the house of a foreigner. And you mourn at last, when your flesh and your body are consumed. And you say how I have hated destruct instruction. And my heart despised. Correction.

I have not obeyed. The voice of my teachers nor inclined to my ear. To those who instructed me, I was The verge of total ruin. In the midst of the assembly. And congregation. And then this ends this reading of gods, inspired and inerrant word. And once we have the warning here against Sexual immorality against.

Romantic interaction. With the one who is not your spouse. With one who. Would go from. One person to another having romantic interactions with each of them. And the warning here. It's very close to home, because The person who is being thus warned, here is a member of the assembly and the congregation.

As we see in verse 14, It was very important that each of us know, That we are in danger of this. This isn't something to be read. A warning to people who do not have. The benefits that we have or the grace that we have, or the means that we have

I dare say in most congregations. There's at least one and probably often frequently. Who are there feeling themselves on the verge of Ruin? In the midst of the assembly. Because of the sin that they have. Let their hearts go out. And they know. The inconsistency between who they actually are.

And who they appear to be in that assembly.

And not only, Do they destroy themselves? But they destroy their families and the generations that come from them.

Morning. In verses, 9 and 10, are isn't just a warning that It'll be financially disastrous. And what you earn in your years of Labor. Would end up going to. Others and aliens and foreigners. The point of all of that. The upright man labors his whole life, long accumulating. Establishing.

His honor and his stability in order that he may pass something along to his children. And when verse 9 and 10, describe that, which goes to others, to foreigners to strangers, it's saying, You have wrecked the generations of your household. Indeed. Those whom you fathered you might not even know.

There might be in other houses. And, The health and wholesomeness of your household. And your family line would be destroyed. Perhaps Those whom you are their father and they know you But to destroy the marriage with their mother. And they themselves become outcasts, and There's nothing to take care of them.

There's not The building and growing of. Strengthen the Lord and walking with him and maturity in the faith. Where each generation in the. Levers before. God not only

Financial learning vocation, but in their calling in life, In order to see in the hope that Their children will be further along in Grace than they were. And that their children's children will be further along in Grace than their children were. No, all of this can be short-circuited and destroyed.

In foolish Indulgence of the Flesh. Well, the tricky thing is that it seems so promising when The indulgence of the flesh is offered to us. Her lips don't drip. Poison. And Her mouth full of gravel. Her lips drip, honey. And her mouth. Smoother than oil. And so, the Lord tells us that we are the ones who need to be warned and he tells us How subtle how sneaky the Temptation is?

So that we will not even go near. We don't. Mark the door and say we can go up to it as long as we don't go in it. You don't go near. You avoid taking her Street, you go an extra block and and in the illustration here you go.

An extra block to go around so that you don't even pass by her door. You don't go in her way. The application for us, of course. Whatever is necessary to do to avoid. Uh, even the opportunity. To fulfill that Temptation. Then if it takes some inconvenience, praise God. It's worthwhile inconvenience.

That's inconvenience. Well spent. Because the cost of Not being careful about this. Is destruction of ourselves? The ruin of ourselves in the midst of the congregation. The ruin of generations. That would otherwise have come from us. And uprightness and godliness and On a solid Earthly Foundation, as well. Some of the Grant.

You my dear children to heed this warning and take it seriously. That you might. Value your marriage. Your future marriages. That good gift that it is. Under the design of God for the glory of God for Your good and your spouse is good, the church is good and generations.

Your children who multiply out from you and ex and mature and exceed you go beyond you,

And God keep you from ruin.

Our Father in Heaven, we pray that you would Help us to heed this word. Especially, since the Immortal woman has so many more doors. To avoid going past. Grant that we would put in the necessary effort. Not even to go near. And spare us, we pray. From the maroon of our souls and Of generations who might have come from us, help us Lord.

Glorify Yourself by saving us, delivering us from the evil. Glorify Christ in. By flying his character to us. So that by his grace, We do not fall into this scent. Grant that we ask in his name, amen.