

**Proverbs 6:20-35 —“The Unavoidable Consequences of Sexual Sin”**

Jesus grace to change you is stronger than sexual sin’s power to destroy you. —Heath Lambert

- v.20-35 teaches the HIGH COST of sexual sin; yes, the tragic END of sexual sin.
- ***Is it worth it?*** *Is it worth it to destroy your life for a moment of pleasure?*

**THESIS** — Our text tonight will provide you with **3 desperate appeals** to the young man for sexual purity & practical living ...

1. BE Imbibing the **Word** (20-23) // *CONSUME!*
2. BE Guarding the **Heart** (24-25) // *CAUTION!*
3. BE Considering the **Aftermath** (26-35) // *CONSIDER!*

**I. BE IMBIBING THE WORD! (20-23)**

**II. BE GUARDING YOUR HEART! (24-25)**

**III. BE CONSIDERING THE AFTERMATH! (26-35)**

1. **Shame (26)**

**Proverbs 6:20-35 —“The Unavoidable Consequences of Sexual Sin”****2. Consequences (27-29)****3. Destruction (30-35)*****The Downward Spiral into Sexual Sin & Bitter Consequences.*****Sexual Sin and Punishment is ...**

1. Gradual (20-22) [it's theological]
2. Deceitful (24)
3. Internal (25)
4. Shameful (26)
5. Inevitable (27-28)
6. Revengeful (31)
7. Awful / Woeful (32)
8. Hostile (33-35)

Remember: 6 elements necessary for biblical repentance (Thomas Watson):

1. sight of sin
2. sorrow for sin
3. confession of sin
4. shame of sin
5. hatred of sin
6. turning from/breaking from sin

So many in sexual sin have TUNNEL VISION — but God, in his Word, shows us the BIGGER PICTURE! God is bigger than your sin, than your temptation, than lust! **Christ!**

**A SURE TEMPLATE TO GUARD YOU**

1. **Feast** on Scripture
2. **Fortify** Your Heart
3. **Fervently** Love Christ
4. **Fear** Immorality's End
5. **Flee** Temptation Tenaciously

**AND CAN IT BE?**

And can it be that I should gain  
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
 For me, who Him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
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 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
 I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
 So free, so infinite His grace;  
 Emptied Himself of all but love,  
 And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
 For, O my God, it found out me.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
 Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
 Alive in Him, my living Head,  
 And clothed in righteousness divine,  
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

**EVERY PROMISE OF YOUR WORD**

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
 I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
 I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 For Your covenant is sure,  
 And on this I am secure—  
 I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your  
 voice,  
 And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 Through this dark and troubled land  
 You will guide me with Your hand  
 As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 And You've promised to complete  
 Ev'ry work begun in me—  
 So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
 I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,  
 So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 Guilt to innocence restored,  
 You remember sins no more—  
 So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
 As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
 And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
 Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
 Grace for all who will believe—  
 We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

## **At the immediate moment of temptation, F.L.E.E. from lust to God!**

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*Now **flee** from youthful lusts, and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

— *2 Timothy 2:22*

Godly men need game plans. God commands His servants to not imitate what is evil but what is good. True men of God need helpful reminders put in place *before* the moment of temptation strikes. Here is a very brief *and memorable* game plan for you to FLEE from lust to God at the very moment of temptation. Commit these to memory *before* the temptations arise.

### **1. FLEE and run from sin.**

When that temptation arises, men of God must act quickly to run away from sin. Do not entertain the thought. For if you do, you'll soon justify it somehow and indulge. You must immediately put to death the inception of the thought and flee from it! Acknowledge your complete allegiance to God and put on loving thoughts and actions. Get out of or vary the situation immediately (2 Timothy 2:22).

### **2. LEAN on God.**

Call on God for strength to honor Him. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (Psalm 37:5; James 4:8). Call upon God in your distresses and God will hear and God will save you from them. God is kind and eager to rescue His own from the moment of hardship. After all, Christ was there and He can relate. He suffered and was tempted in all ways. He can come to your aid and provide the way of escape. Lean on God. Call on God. Seek God.

### **3. ENTERTAIN right thoughts.**

Rehearse those things for which you are grateful and thankful and remember to give thanks in all circumstances. Put off bad ways of thinking and replace it with diligent, intentional, deliberate, and regular thoughts of godliness and purity (Philippians 4:8-9). You must act upon what you *know* is right. You must get rid of impure thoughts and replace them with Godly thoughts. You must put on the Lord Jesus Christ (actively, intentionally, deliberately) and make *no provision* for the flesh with regard to its lusts. Entertain the right thoughts. Memorize Scripture and chew on it.

### **4. EAGERLY pursue love.**

Continue to pursue love and righteousness. The opposite of lust is love. Lust is selfish and self-motivated and self-gratifying/self-fulfilling. True love is self-giving, others-motivated, and focused on fulfilling and serving them. Don't look back. Look to your 'ways to love and serve'. Engage yourself in giving (Proverbs 21:21). One of the ways to find the way of escape in the moment of temptation is to *actively serve others*. Yes, stop thinking of yourself and certainly do not isolate yourself or minimize your temptations. Seek ways to serve others and then *do it!* Pursue others in love!

— *adapted from Stuart Scott, The Exemplary Husband, 296.*