

Adultery De-Glamorized
God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 37)
Proverbs 6:24-35

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- ²⁴ Keeping you from the evil woman,
From the smoothness of the tongue of the alien.
- ²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
And do not let her take you with a bat of her eyelashes,¹
- ²⁶ For the price of a woman *who is a* prostitute is but a loaf of bread,
But a man's wife² hunts for a priceless soul.
- ²⁷ Can a man snatch up fire in his lap³
And his clothes not be burned?
- ²⁸ Or can a man walk upon coals,
And his feet not be scorched?
- ²⁹ Thus is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife:
He will not be held innocent — everyone who touches⁴ her.
- ³⁰ They do not disdain the thief when he commits thievery
To fill his appetite⁵ when he is hungry.
- ³¹ But *when* he is found, he must repay sevenfold,
All the wealth of his house, he must give.
- ³² He who commits adultery with a woman is short on brains,⁶
One destroying his own soul is he who does it.
- ³³ A wound and dishonor will he find,
And his disgrace will not be wiped away.
- ³⁴ For jealousy *sparks* the rage of a man;
And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
- ³⁵ He will not accept any ransom-price,
And he will not be willing, though you multiply *your* bribe.

I. Janus (or Hinge): God's Words and the Son (6:24)

A. Looking Back: _____

1. What God/parents give

2. How their gift works (v. 23)

Bind them upon your heart continually,/Tie them upon your neck.

B. Looking Ahead: _____

II. Foreground: the Son and the Adulteress (6:24-35)

A. Watch the Danger Zones (vv. 24-25)

1. _____: "the smoothness of the tongue of the alien" (v. 24b)

2. _____: "Do not desire ...in your heart" (v. 25a)

a. Remember 4:23

b. Even more, note the first occurrences of "desire" in Gen. 2:9; 3:6

c. ...then recall Exodus 20:17

¹ Literally "her eyelids."

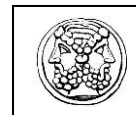
² Literally "woman."

³ Or "chest, bosom."

⁴ Or "fondles."

⁵ Literally "soul," often used of appetite.

⁶ Literally "lacking of heart."



- d. ...then remember James 1:14-15
- 3. _____: “her beauty...do not let her take you w/a bat of her eyelashes” (v. 25)

Matt. 5:27-28

B. Count the Cost (vv. 26-33)

- 1. Think: from the lesser to the greater (v. 26)
- 2. Answer two questions (v. 27-28)
- 3. Crime and punishment (vv. 29-33)
 - a. Adultery vs. theft (vv. 29-31)
 - b. The reality of adultery (vv. 32-33)

Matthew 16:26

C. Consider the End (vv. 34-35)

Leviticus 20:10

III. Background: the Son and the Adulteresses

A. What’s Missing?

B. Promise and Risk Back Then

Ezekiel 16:8

Exodus 20:3–6

Exodus 34:14–16

Hosea 1:2

C. Reality and Risk Right Now

2 Cor. 11:1-4, 14b