

Proverbs 7:1-27 **Warning Against Adultery – Temptation of Seductress**

The Wiles of a Harlot

- 1 My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.
- 2 Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Say to wisdom, "You *are* my sister," And call understanding *your* nearest kin,
- 5 That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words.

The Crafty Harlot

- 6 For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,
- 7 And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding,
- 8 Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house
- 9 In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night.

- 10 And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
- 11 She *was* loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.
- 12 At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

- 13 So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him:
- 14 "*I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows.*
- 15 So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you.
- 16 I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.
- 19 For my husband *is* not at home; He has gone on a long journey;
- 20 He has taken a bag of money with him, *And* will come home on the appointed day."

- 21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.
- 22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,*
- 23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would cost* his life.

- 24 Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:
- 25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths;
- 26 For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong *men*.

27 Her house *is* the way to hell,* Descending to the chambers of death.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.
Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.
Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Say to wisdom, "You *are* my sister," And call understanding *your* nearest kin,
That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters
with her words. [Proverbs 7:1-5]
- ✧ Call to treasure the wise instructions of the father.
- ✧ Cherish wisdom and understanding.
- ✧ They will guard you against the lust of the flesh, the lure of enticing sexual immorality.
- ✧ For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,
And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of
understanding,
Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house
In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. [Proverbs 7:6-9]
- ✧ Observation of a foolish young man controlled by lustful passion seeking pleasure.
- ✧ To be following the lust of the flesh demonstrates his simple lack of sexual understanding.
- ✧ He knows where to find the harlot and goes to the area deliberately in the dark thinking the
darkness will hide his indiscretion.
- ✧ And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
She *was* loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.
At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.
[Proverbs 7:10-12]
- ✧ The adulteress demonstrated her rebellious lack of moral integrity in her clothing, her loud and
boisterous mannerism, openly flaunting herself outside, in the open square, and lurking at
every corner. Much like today's prostitutes.
- ✧ She met the lustful youth not by chance but by common interest and pursuit.
- ✧ So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him:
"*I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows.*
So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you.
I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.
For my husband *is* not at home; He has gone on a long journey;
He has taken a bag of money with him, *And* will come home on the appointed day."
[Proverbs 7:13-20]
- ✧ She enticed him by offering the pleasure he was seeking and made it look safe.
- ✧ With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced
him.
Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the
correction of the stocks,*
Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would*
cost his life. [Proverbs 7:21-23]

- ✧ With no wisdom or self control he was easy willing prey for her enticement.
- ✧ Not knowing that his eternal life was at jeopardy.
- ✧ Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:
Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths;
For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong *men*.
Her house *is* the way to hell,* Descending to the chambers of death. [[Proverbs 7:24-27](#)]
- ✧ The father urged his children to earnestly listen to his wise advise.
- ✧ Warning them to avoid her ways.
- ✧ Her ways lead to death and Hell.
- ✧ Many have been lost by this yielding to the enticement of sexual immorality.