

## Proverbs 6:20-7:27

<sup>20</sup> My son, observe the commandment of your father

And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

<sup>21</sup> Bind them continually on your heart;

Tie them around your neck.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk about, they will guide you;

When you sleep, they will watch over you;

And when you awake, they will talk to you.

<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light;

And reproofs for discipline are the way of life

<sup>24</sup> To keep you from the evil woman,

From the smooth tongue of the adulteress. — it begins with seduction

<sup>25</sup> Do not desire her beauty in your heart,

Nor let her capture you with her eyelids.

> then the eyes

<sup>26</sup> For on account of a harlot *one is reduced* to a loaf of bread, — the progress slowly consumed

And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.

<sup>27</sup> Can a man take fire in his bosom

And his clothes not be burned?

———— the effects  
3rd degree burns  
from lust

<sup>28</sup> Or can a man walk on hot coals

And his feet not be scorched?

<sup>29</sup> So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife;

Whoever touches her will not go unpunished.

Destruction and death

<sup>30</sup> Men do not despise a thief if he steals

vv 22-23 (4)  
what you CAN  
trust —  
The word of God

vv 24-35 (5)  
The Evil Woman  
The Seductress  
(or Seducer)

To satisfy himself when he is hungry;

<sup>31</sup> But when he is found, he must repay sevenfold;

He must give all the substance of his house.

<sup>32</sup> The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense;

He who would destroy himself does it.

<sup>33</sup> Wounds and disgrace he will find,

And his reproach will not be blotted out.

<sup>34</sup> For jealousy enrages a man,

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

<sup>35</sup> He will not accept any ransom,

Nor will he be satisfied though you give many gifts.

he is how to stay  
pure...

<sup>7</sup> My son, keep my words

And treasure my commandments within you.

<sup>2</sup> Keep my commandments and live, *like as it should be*

how you see

And my teaching as the apple of your eye. *the pupil... very sensitive*

all you do

<sup>3</sup> Bind them on your fingers;

all you feel

Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Your closest  
intimate

<sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"

And call understanding *your* intimate friend;

<sup>5</sup> That they may keep you from an adulteress,

She is not a true child  
of God

From the foreigner who flatters with her words. *it starts with seduction*

<sup>6</sup> For at the window of my house

I looked out through my lattice,

7 And I saw among the naive,

And discerned among the youths — These with no moral discretion

A young man lacking sense,

8 Passing through the street near her corner;

And he takes the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening,

In the middle of the night and *in* the darkness.

10 And behold, a woman *comes* to meet him,

Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart. a predator

11 She is boisterous and rebellious,

Her feet do not remain at home;

12 *She is* now in the streets, now in the squares,

And lurks by every corner.

13 So she seizes him and kisses him

And with a brazen face she says to him:

14 "I was due to offer peace offerings;

Today I have paid my vows.

15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you,

To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.

16 "I have spread my couch with coverings,

With colored linens of Egypt.

17 "I have sprinkled my bed

With myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

a magnet  
"make no provision  
for the flesh"

darker and darker

Physical attraction

a free spirit  
'unfettered'

Rebellious

closer and closer

aggressive and  
bold

shameless

seemingly religious

and devoted

She provides  
admiration

feel

see

smell

triste  
- drunk on love

18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;

sensuality

Let us delight ourselves with caresses.

guiltless

19 "For my husband is not at home,

no chance of  
getting caught

He has gone on a long journey;

"on a long journey"

20 He has taken a bag of money with him,

"a month of passion!"

At the full moon he will come home."

she  
persistently stars at it ...

21 With her many persuasions she entices him;

With her flattering lips she seduces him.

"timmberrrr!"

22 Suddenly he follows her

death

As an ox goes to the slaughter,

slavery

Or as *one in* fetters to the discipline of a fool,

pain

23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver;

captivity

As a bird hastens to the snare,

ignorance

So he does not know that it *will cost him* his life.

24 Now therefore, *my* sons, listen to me,

And 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 many are the victims she has cast down,

And numerous are all her slain.

death and  
damnation

27 Her house is the way to Sheol,

Descending to the chambers of death.