

The Proverbs on Sex

5:15-23; 6:20-34; 7:1-27

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Introduction

“If procreation is commanded, then sexual relations are commanded, and sex is among other things fun... There can be no doubt about it, when God told the man and the woman to multiply, he was telling them, and intending them, to have fun. For married couples, the joy of sex is commanded by God” (JI Packer, *Knowing Man*, 26, 27).

The Proverbs does two things regarding sex: it extols the goodness of sex within the proper boundaries and severely warns against the destructive misuse of sex.

I. The Joy of Fidelity and Misery of Infidelity (5:15-23)

Kidner calls this section, “Fidelity, the better path.”

- A. The Call to Sexual Fidelity (5:15-17)

- B. The Joy of Sexual Fidelity (5:18-19)

- C. The Folly of Infidelity (5:20-23)
Here are the reasons such involvement is sinful folly
 - 1. Intoxicating but for all the wrong reasons (20)
 - 2. God sees and knows (21)
 - 3. Sexual sin is enslaving (22)
 - 4. Sexual sin is ultimately destructive (23)

II. The Dangers of Sexual Temptation (6:20-35)

- A. Parental Instruction (20-24)

- B. The consequences of sexual immorality (25-35)
 - 1. Don't desire/don't get captured (25)
 - 2. The cost of immorality (26)
 - 3. You cannot play with fire without getting burned (27-29)
 - 4. You will not escape the scorn or disgrace (30-33)
 - 5. You are involving someone else and will not escape his rage (34-35)

III. The Dramatic Reenactment (7:1-27)

A. Similar parental exhortation (7:1-5)

B. The Reenactment (7:6-27)

1. The huntress (10-12)

2. The Tactics (13-21)

3. The Kill (22-23)

4. Application (24-27)

1. Listen and pay attention (24)

“The young man’s lack of wisdom leads him to believe that he can indulge in an illicit liaison without suffering any consequences. Only the ‘simple’ and those who have ignored the teachings of wisdom are tempted to think that they can escape the repercussions of their actions.” Kathleen Farmer, 49.

2. Guard your mind (25)

“You are in danger as soon as your thoughts wander in this fatal direction.” Derek Kidner

3. Consider the carnage and destruction (26-27)

“Believing that one can make choices which have no consequences leads to ‘death.’ This is the epitome of folly!” Farmer, 49

Application

1. To ourselves!

Jim Newheiser, The Tenderness Trap

http://firefellowship.org/content.cfm?page_content=blogs_include.cfm&blog_id=42

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<http://www.epm.org/resources/2009/Dec/31/deterring-immorality-counting-its-cost/>

2. To home and church

3. To our counselees

Further Resources

Jim Newheiser, CDC-2, 26-28, From Idol to Blessing