

Series: Wisdom in an Age of Folly: Proverbs VI

Text: Proverbs 5:1-23

HI: Sexual sin is the road to ruin.

Title: *Sexual Sin and Redemption*

Hook: "Off-Ramp on the Road to Hell"

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Purpose: To warn about the perils of sexual sin while calling the listener to respond to the grace of Jesus.

FCF: Our natural sexual desires are twisted and lead us toward moral ruin. God graciously meets us in our brokenness to instruct us in wisdom concerning sexual flourishing.

COR: We are all painfully acquainted with the sexual brokenness of our world.

Christian or not, this subject is sensitive, personal tense, and at times confusing.

We know it is meaningful, and something within us bears witness that the 'consent culture' or 'sexual positivity' aren't the answer. The biblical perspective is not that sex is to be shunned but that is deeply meaningful and created to glorify God through the beauty of his good design.

Christ Trajectory [CT*]: 5:21: "Eyes of the Lord" Genesis 16 Luke 7

Apologetic: (in introduction) – I think perhaps we can all agree on something—our culture isn't sexually healthy. Can we agree? Let's see what God says about sex.

Form: Deductive (After first reading of text)

Outline:

I. Illicit sex entices the eyes, but it steals your soul. (1-6)

A. The gracious God speaks of life. (1-2)

B. The forbidden woman leads to death. (3-6)

II. The path of fidelity is the place of flourishing. (7-20)

A. Sexual sin is a wasteland. (7-14)

B. Sexual faithfulness is a promise land. (15-20)

III. The Lord sees all, and his wisdom brings freedom. (21-23)

A. The snare of sexual sin leads to death. (22-23)

B. The vision and voice of the Lord are clear. (21)

Main Idea:

Subject: Why should the son avoid sexual sin?

Complement: Because it leads to ruin.

Exegetical Idea: The son should avoid sexual sin because it leads to ruin.

Theological Idea: Sexual sin leads to ruin.

Homiletical Idea: Sexual sin is the road to ruin.

Introduction:

READ Proverbs 5:1-6

My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding,

² that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

³ For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil,

⁴ but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol;

⁶ she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it.

I. Illicit sex entices the eyes, but it steals your soul. (1-6)

Wormwood: a plantlike shrub with a bitter taste.

READ Proverbs 5:7-20

⁷ And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

⁸ Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house,

⁹ lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless,

¹⁰ lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,

¹¹ and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed,

¹² and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof!

¹³ I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors.

¹⁴ I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation."

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

¹⁶ Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

¹⁷ Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

¹⁹ a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

²⁰ Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

²¹ For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.

²² The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

²³ He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

II. The path of fidelity is the place of flourishing. (7-20)

A. Sexual sin is a wasteland. (7-14)

1) Sexual sin sells honor and buys shame. (7-10)

2) Sexual sin kills joy and births regret. (11-13)

3) Sexual sin demolishes community and constructs isolation. (14)

B. Sexual faithfulness is a promise land. (15-20)

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III. The Lord sees all, and his wisdom brings freedom. (21-23)

So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." Genesis 16:13

⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

(Lk. 7:48-50)