



Proverbs

Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

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- So far, first 9 chapters:
 - Ch. 1 – Definition, call and warning
 - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking; deliverance from sinful
 - Ch. 3 – TRUST IN THE LORD!
 - Ch. 4 – Listen = learn; they will keep you from evil; Body
 - Ch.5 – The foundation has been laid...
 - What do you do with what you know?
 - Does wisdom find its way into your character? Decisions?
 - LIFESTYLE???

CH 5 – WARNING NEEDED

- Solomon was speaking from his life experience...
 - Different when a king does it...?
- Give attention; incline your ear... listen to me!!!
 - Discretion... how many scandals...!
- Vs. 3 - The way of the “strange woman”
 - Lips = honey and oil... slick and sweet – wormwood and death!
 - 6 – no thoughts of her path... unstable
 - She does not even know it!

CH 5 – WARNING NEEDED

- 7 – Solomon pleads – “my sons” hear my words!
 - Certainly not coming from his actions....
- 8 – Keep away; do not go near her house
 - How easy it is these days... “red light districts” no more...
 - Just a click and a search away...
- 9 – the beginnings of CONSEQUENCES:
 - Vigor, Life, Years lost... not to mention money!
 - 11 – groaning and body ‘consumed’ – disease and other things...
 - 14 – in the midst of the assembly and congregation – testimony lost

CH 5 – WIVES EXALTED

- Solomon might have had one true love...
 - 15, 16 – drink from your own well! You will lose it all in “the streets” if you are not careful... water was precious
 - 17 – let them be yours alone, not just ownership... pleasure
 - 18, 19 – “Your Fountain” = your wife – be blessed; rejoice with the wife of your youth – East poetry: the antelope and the gazelle; let her satisfy and exhilarate (ravish) you
 - 20 - Not for the “strange woman”
 - Dr. Marino’s thoughts...

CH 5 – ETERNAL WARNING!

- The ultimate warning... vs. 21..
- “One more warning. The sin is not against man, nor dependent on man’s detection only. The secret sin is open before the eyes of Yahweh. In the balance of His righteous judgment are weighed all human acts.” Albert Barnes
- God is watching... Joseph knew this, David forgot!

CH 5 – THE END RESULTS:

- 22, 23 – “his own iniquities” not someone else!
 - Held back with cords of sin...
 - Die for lack of instruction, correction, discipline
 - Greatness of folly
 - He will go astray
- This topic will be revisited (ch 7)
- Ch. 6 will introduce other life-changing choices...