

## Proverbs 7 — Outline

### I. The Call to Treasure God's Word (vv. 1-5)

#### vv. 1-2 — A plea to keep God's words close

- “My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands...”, importance of *knowing, loving, and obeying* God's word.

#### vv. 3-4 — Internalize wisdom

- Bind the commandments on your fingers and write them on your heart, have God's truth so close it shapes every thought and action.

#### v. 5 — Purpose of this devotion to wisdom

- Wisdom and understanding will keep you *from the immoral woman* and her flattering words.

### II. The Scene of Seduction (vv. 6-23)

#### A. Observation of the Young Man's Folly (vv. 6-9)

- The father looks out his window and sees a *young, simple* man, inexperienced and *lacking sense*, walking *toward the corner where temptation waits*.
- “Twilight... black and dark night” underscores the *danger and spiritual blindness* of his choice.

#### B. Description of the Immoral Woman (vv. 10-12)

- She meets him, clothed like a prostitute and *crafty of heart*, bold and rebellious, *her feet never stay at home*.
- She lurks at every corner, *readily available*, an ever-present temptation.

#### C. Her Enticements (vv. 13-18)

- She seizes him and kisses him with *an impudent face*.
- Claims to have *peace offerings with her* (suggesting religion or propriety) and invites him to her bed adorned with tapestries and *perfumed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon*.

- She promises sensual pleasure: “let us take our fill of love until morning.”

#### **D. Her Persuasion (vv. 19-21)**

- She implies safety: “My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey...”, making the sin *seem risk-free*.
- With *enticing speech and flattering lips*, she seduces him.

#### **E. The Tragic Outcome (vv. 22-23)**

- He follows her *like an ox going to the slaughter* or a bird into a snare.
- “Till an arrow struck his liver... he did not know it would cost his life”, a vivid picture of *sudden, devastating spiritual and moral consequence*.

### **III. The Final Warning and the End Result (vv. 24-27)**

#### **vv. 24-25 — A call to listen and not stray**

- “Listen to me, my children; pay attention...”, avoid even the *inclination* toward her ways.

#### **vv. 26-27 — The deadly end of her path**

- She has *cast down many wounded, even strong men*, and *her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death*.