

Parables (Part 3) Wheat and Tares (Pt C) (6/15/2024)

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And He taught them many things by parables. He said unto them it is doctrine hearken behold there went out a sower to sow it came to pass as he sowed, some fell by the wayside and the fowls the air came and devoured it up and some fell on stony ground where it had not much earth. He said unto them he that hath ears to hear let him hear.

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In the Old Testament, they were supposed to obey the law of Moses. The conclusion is no. That's what James says; that's what all the early leaders of Christianity agreed with. No, you don't have to obey the laws of Moses to be saved. The Jewish leadership was concerned with law. Always law, and what does the Bible say? That the law condemns. The law cannot save. Not one person has ever been saved by following the law.

What is the purpose of God's Commandments? To show you that you can't keep God's Commandments. In the New Testament, Jesus fulfilled the law so nobody is supposed to obey the law of Moses. You cannot be righteous. You cannot be saved. You cannot go to heaven by obeying Moses. But Paul has laid out for us the theology of God's salvation. It is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

There are many denominations that want to go back to the law of the Old Testament and say you have to keep the law to be saved. Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage which, you know, that's what the law is. The law is unreliable, the law is unreliable when it comes to salvation.

So, if circumcision, which was a Torah command isn't required under Jesus, then those who follow Jesus aren't required to keep the Torah. The more you know. Salvation is not by keeping the law, no man can gain eternal life by keeping the laws of the Father. In fact, if you obey the law of Moses, you will go to hell.

[Daniel Joseph]

Shabbat Shalom. Today we're going to finish up the parable on the wheat and the tares, and the way we're going to close this one out is I'm going to take you back to the book of *Mishlei*, back to Proverbs. It's interesting that Proverbs, there's text there that literally echoes the very message that Yeshua

conveys in the parable of the wheat and the tares, the insidious nature of these tares in how deadly, how dangerous, these tares are. This is echoed in the Book of Proverbs. So, we're going to dig into the Book of Proverbs. To get things started, I want to give you an overview of kind of what we're going to be looking at today.

PROVERBS CH 7 - AN ADULTEROUS WOMAN

One of the things we're going to do is dig into Chapter seven quite intimately. Chapter seven is all about this adulterous woman. This adulterous woman is praying upon the souls of men, and at the peshat level, at the literal level, it's a very simple lesson. The lesson is, men don't get seduced by an adulterous woman, be on guard. And this is a very practical lesson, hey, we need to keep the seventh commandment, thou shall not commit adultery. The thing about this is when you step back and look at the broader picture, what ends up happening is the Lord takes you so much deeper into the text where suddenly you have this profound revelation and understanding. You realize that, oh my goodness, this is not simply talking about one specific sin of adultery, it goes way beyond that. The scope of this is massive.

It's interesting when you go to scripture; what you discover is there's one sin that the Lord likens Israel's rejection of Him. As they turn their back on Him, as they leave Him, as they go to commit idolatry, the Lord calls it adultery. My people have committed adultery against Me. This is very, very significant, so significant that as you come into the New Testament and you read the book of James, in James 4:4, he says adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity, its hatred against God? Do not know these things. So, any time that you, as the body of Christ, compromise and yoke yourself with the world, you're an adulterer. You are an adulteress. You must listen to these words because this is what we're going to see, this great revelation of what God is communicating, His church committing adultery against Him. Absolutely incredible.

PROVERBS CH 8 — WISDOM (personified as a Woman)

As you go to the next chapter, right after this chapter that is dedicated to this adulterous woman, the next chapter you're introduced to *Chokmah*. This is wisdom, and she is personified. This is a virtuous woman, a woman that cultivates righteousness. She speaks beautiful words of truth, the antithesis to this woman who sows lawlessness and who speaks lies. They are completely diabolically opposed to one another.

PROVERBS CH 9 — BOTH WOMEN (are expressed)

Here's what's fascinating. When you go to the next chapter, both women are brought side by side. You cannot read Chapter seven independently from Chapter eight or Chapter seven and eight, independently from Chapter nine. This is where the Lord takes you into a whole new world, and He brings these two women, diabolically opposed to one another, side by side, and what He lays out is truly mind blowing.

We're going to begin today with the latter. We're going to jump into Chapter nine. We have a lot to cover.

WISE WOMAN

Proverbs 9:1—¹ *Chokmah*, **Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars;**

Now, follow me because we're going to go through this quickly, and I'm going to cut to the chase. *Chokmah* is Yeshua. Wisdom is Yeshua. This is not Daniel's interpretation. The apostle Paul brings this to

the table, he says in 1 Corinthians 1:24—²⁴ **but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Mashiach, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** (Emphasis added).

I'm going to tell you something, the apostle Paul, when he read Proverbs nine, he was an expert in the Tanakh. He was an expert in the Torah, a Pharisee. When he read Proverbs, Chapter eight and Proverbs, Chapter nine, do you know what came to his mind? Yeshua. Evidence of this, and we don't have time to get into the details, but when you read Proverbs Chapter eight, which is all about this wisdom, and you read Ephesians Chapter one, there's no debate. Paul has recognized as he's reading the text of *Chokmah*, this is Yeshua, the Messiah. Some of you might say, well, Daniel, this doesn't even make sense. This is feminine, this is talking about her. Yeshua is a He.

Well, here's what we need to appreciate. Don't get tripped up on that because so often we see that the Lord, both Old and New Testament, utilizes something feminine to express His character. It's common. Look at Yeshua's words in Matthew Chapter twenty-three. At the end of the chapter, it says, *Yerushalaim*, how I long to gather you as a hen. Not a rooster, but as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. At the end of Isaiah Chapter sixty-six, the Lord says as a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you. He utilizes feminineness to bring about a better understanding and appreciation for His character. That's all that's going on here. I love how the Lord does this. He conceals so much of His profound wisdom in these lessons.

I want you to see Proverbs Chapter nine, Verse one, is an introduction to the Gospel of the Messiah, Yeshua. It says wisdom, who is Yeshua, is building her house. Yeshua says to Peter, on this rock I will build my church. He's going to build his house. Paul's Epistles are filled with this. In First Peter, you read about this. And evidence to this is supported when you look at this statement, she's hewn out seven pillars. That literally represents the church.

Let me take you to Isaiah 4:1—¹ **And in that day** oh, **seven women** see, the way it's expressed in Proverbs is seven pillars, here it's seven women **shall take hold of one man**, one man, **saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our sins, take away our reproach."** (Emphasis added).

Redeem us, deliver us. They will call on one name, and there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved, except the name of Yeshua. Do you understand the seven women are these seven pillars. Go to the Book of Revelation. Is it a coincidence that there are seven churches that represent the totality of His body, and the imagery used is seven lamp stands? You could talk seven women, seven pillars, or seven lamps. We're talking about the same thing. We're talking about the Church of Yeshua the Messiah. —

WISE WOMAN

Proverbs 9:1—¹ *Chokmah*, **Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars;** (emphasis added). So, as we look at this *Chokmah*, this Wise One, this is all about the gospel, about Yeshua building the church.

Now, let's continue in Proverbs 9:2—² **She has slaughtered her meat, she has mixed her wine, she has also furnished her table.** (Emphasis added). What does that mean? We have this introduction of the gospel and the next thing we're reading is about her slaughtering her meat. Well, it's fascinating when you go to Matthew Chapter twenty-two, Yeshua tells a parable of a king who arranges a marriage for his son, and what does He say in this parable? Check this out in Matthew 22:4—⁴ **Again, he sent out other**

servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; **my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.**"' (Emphasis added).

This is the gospel. This is the invitation. So, when we see the slaughtering of meat, this is what's being described. We're dealing with the invitation.

Now look at Proverbs 9:3—³ **She has sent out her maidens**, what did Yeshua do? He told his disciples to go into all the nations and make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Bring them into the gospel. In the feminine, you would say He sent out his maidens. Well, this is where it starts to really get interesting. It follows up **she cries out from the highest places of the city**, (emphasis added).

Stick a pin in that because you're going to need that. **She cries out from the highest places in the city**. Listen to what she cries in Proverbs 9:4—⁴ **"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him**, and I want to stop. This is the invitation of the Gospel of the Messiah Yeshua. This is disciples going out and saying, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. Confess Him with your mouth and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Jesus loves you. This is the gospel. This is the invitation, come to the wedding.

Proverbs 9:5—⁵ **"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding.** (Emphasis added).

There are two components that were just laid out before you. The first component was the invitation. There is a message that lies behind the invitation, according to *Chokmah*, this wisdom. And that message is repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Forsake foolishness. Literally, by definition this is to stop walking in lawlessness and turn to God's Holy Commandments. Turn to Him, walk with Him no longer walk according to the dictates of your own heart, but walk in His truth. Forsake foolishness and live and go in the way of understanding. Isn't it amazing,

In Deuteronomy Chapter four, it is talking about the commandments of the Lord literally says this is your wisdom, this is your understanding. In Psalm Chapter 111:10, it says—**the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who do His commandments**. They do them. So, this message that this lady Wisdom, this virtuous woman has behind the gospel, is repent. Keep His Torah.

Now, let me take you to the other woman, the foolish woman, the adulterous woman. Moving to Proverbs 9:13—¹³ **A foolish woman is clamorous**; When you look at that, this woman is boisterous. She's loud, she's outspoken, she is going to be heard. That's the whole intent here; she is going to be heard, but then it describes her further. **She is simple, and knows nothing**. (Emphasis added).

What does it mean to know nothing? It is explicitly talking about the root of knowledge, as in the knowledge of God. She does not possess the knowledge of the Lord, and so as we read in Hosea 4:6—⁶ **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being Cohen priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children**. (Emphasis added).

This is amazing. The fact that it mentions of this foolish woman, this adulterous woman, that says she knows nothing. It tells us she does not possess the law of God. She's forgotten it. She doesn't have

knowledge of the Lord. She's cast the law behind her back. This is the description of this adulterous woman.

Let me add to this, I want to take you into the Septuagint, the exact translation from here but just in the Greek. Proverbs 9:13—¹³ **A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple and knows nothing.** (Emphasis added).

Septuagint - Proverbs 9:13 LXX—**A foolish and insolent woman will be destitute, she who knows no shame;** (emphasis added).

I want you to put this together because this is absolutely incredible in the sense of getting into understanding this adulterous woman, this foolish woman. She not only has rejected the law of God, she knows nothing, but now we know she does it without conviction. She has, as Paul says in First Timothy four, where the Spirit expressly says that demonic spirits are going to go out, and people are going to give heed to these deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. He goes on and says they have their conscience seared with a hot iron. They feel OK about walking away from the law of God. They have no compunction whatsoever about it. And then we read this. Remember what I told you to put a pin in? Proverbs 9:14—¹⁴ **For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat by the highest places of the city,** (emphasis added).

You can't even make this stuff up. Where is *Chokmah*? Where this lady, Wisdom, this virtuous woman, crying out is in the highest places in the city? Well, guess who else is there? Here we have this foolish, adulterous woman who is loud, she's going to be heard, also crying out in the highest places of the city. Listen to me. You have the wheat and the tares here. You have the tares coming amongst the wheat.

It gets crazier in Proverbs 9:15—¹⁵ **To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their way:** (emphasis added). This term *Yashar*, which in the Hebrew means to go straight on the way, literally refers to, this guy is walking the walk. He's on the narrow path right now. Who is she targeting? Who do the tares target? Satan planted them to target the wheat, and this is what's happening in this passage.

Now listen to what she says in Proverbs 9:16—¹⁶ **“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here”; and as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,** does this sound familiar? Well, wait a second. That's verbatim word for word, exactly what the woman, Wisdom, had proclaimed. Look at this, the wise woman—Proverbs 9:4—⁴ **“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”** verbatim, **As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him.** Literally, this proclamation is the gospel. This is the message telling people Jesus loves you, be saved, and believe in Him. Does this not blow your mind that the very invitation that this wise woman gives is verbatim that of the foolish woman? They're offering the identical invitation.

Here's where it gets interesting. What lies behind this wise woman's invitation? Well, this woman said—Proverbs 9:6_B—⁶ **Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding.** Repent from your sins, repent from lawlessness, but this wicked woman, what is her message? Her message is—Proverbs 9:17—¹⁷ **“Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”** Her message that lies behind the gospel is literally a message that lawlessness is good. To walk in ways that God has deemed abominable, you don't have to worry, it's OK. This is by definition turning the grace of God into lewdness. Jesus loves you as you are; therefore, you don't need to change; He loves you as you are. You know, you're struggling here, you're struggling there, don't worry about it. The Lord loves you. This is so scary. The reality of what's being conveyed is the seriousness that's in the parable of the wheat and the tares.

Absolutely insane. Look at what you're going to get when you listen to this woman's message that lies behind the gospel. This is what you look forward to—Proverbs 9:18—¹⁸ **But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.** She is going to bring you into hell. That's where her path, her path of lawlessness, of rejecting righteousness, of rejecting God's holiness, of rejecting His truth will bring you. It will bring you to the lake of fire. Do you want to go into that cheap grace, that greasy grace? Do you want to experience the devil's grace? It will come at a price.

I want to take you back to Matthew 7:15. We looked at it just briefly—¹⁵ **“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.** Now we looked at this, and this is Yeshua’s thought. This is His warning, but here's what I want you to appreciate; it’s not the complete thought. This is the beginning. You must finish the thought. Why did He bring this to the table? Yeshua is taking this somewhere to show you the danger of the false prophets, the false teachers, who are in the Church. He takes it here. Matthew 7:16—¹⁶ **You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?**

He's directing your attention to analyze them, study them, test the spirits, know who they are, and look at their fruit. This is going to reveal to you the true nature of these people. Then Yeshua goes on to say—Matthew 7:21—²¹ **“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

Isn't that interesting? Many Christians will be crying out they know Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, and Yeshua Himself says no, that's not going to be enough. You must do the will of My Father in Heaven. Again, you have the structure of the faith. We need to call on the name of Yeshua for salvation and forgiveness, but if you think that you're going to do that and continue to listen to this foolish woman, you want to listen to the tares, you're not going to make it.

Yeshua goes on and says this in Matthew 7:22—²² **Many** not some, many **will say to Me in that day, Jesus, Jesus ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’** (Emphasis added). We have professing Christians coming to the table and say, we confessed you. We have confessed Jesus; you are the Messiah. We know you are our Lord and Savior. Look at all the things I have done in your name. I have dedicated my life to the name of Jesus, and then His response is—Matthew 7:23—²³ **And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’** (Emphasis added). How is that possible? They're calling on the name of Jesus. Well, it's possible because they practice lawlessness.

So, go back to the beginning of the thought where the thought was Matthew 7:15—¹⁵ **“Beware of false prophets,** (emphasis added) this false wheat, what you would call holy tares, and what you would call this foolish woman mentioned in Proverbs. The impact of these tares is cultivating lawlessness. So, when they come and whisper in the ears and tell you that you don't need to keep the law, it doesn't matter, it has nothing to do with your salvation, yet I could go to Yeshua's own warning, if I walked in lawlessness, I'm prevented from coming into the Kingdom of God, then I beg to differ. It has a lot to do with your salvation. A lot.

Let me take you to Matthew because there seems to be a pattern here. In Matthew 24:11, we read this—¹¹ **Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** These are prophets in the church. What is the very next thing He says? ¹² **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** What is the effect of these being in the church? It's this repeatedly, there's a pattern. The fruit of these false prophets is to sow lawlessness among us. That's the fruit. (Emphasis added).

Now, with that said, let's go back to Chapter seven, this chapter dedicated to this foolish woman. In the Hebrew *eshet kesi'lut* (אשת כסילוט). Look at how this starts—Proverbs 7:1-2—¹ **My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you.** ² **Keep my commands and live, and my law Torah as the apple of your eye.** When it's talking about that fact that you better keep my Torah as the apple of your eye, it is indicating your eye never comes off His Torah, His law; it is never removed. You stay. When you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up, you are soaking in His Torah, you are soaking in His law. You meditate on it day and night. You're relentless in your pursuit of the Lord. You fill your heart, you fill your mind, with His knowledge, with His righteousness. It's to be the pupil of our eye.

Proverbs 7:3-4—³ **Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.** ⁴ **Say to Chokmah, wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your nearest kin.** Call the Torah family. Call the wisdom of God family, say you're my sister. Isn't it interesting that at the end of Matthew twelve they come to Yeshua and say, your mother and brothers are outside. They're wanting to talk to you, and He looks around at His disciples and says, who are my mother and my brothers but those who do the will of God. That's my mother, my brother, and my sister; they do the will of God. What is Torah? Towards the will of God. It's that simple.

Proverbs 7:5—⁵ **That they may keep you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words.** Now we get to see the power of Torah, the power of God's righteousness. It's going to keep us from a twisted, demonic, very deceiving, seductive harlot. One who peddles lies; one who is there to make you feel good about turning your back on God and walking in lawlessness. That's her function. You need God's Holy Word. So, when the tempter comes to Yeshua, how does Yeshua fight him? The Word, the Torah. He goes to the Book of Deuteronomy, and He fights him, the deceiver coming to Him at the opportune moment.

Proverbs 7:6-7—⁶ **For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,** ⁷ **And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding,** (Emphasis added). He lacks knowledge. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. He does not possess the knowledge of the Lord. The Torah is not at the pupil of his eye. This is not good. This is not a good situation.

Moving ahead to Proverbs 7:8-9—⁸ **Passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house** ⁹ **In the twilight, in the evening,** Look at this **in the black and dark night.** (Emphasis added). Do you notice the absence of anything? Proverbs 6:23—**your commandment is a lamp, your Torah, a light. Thy word is a lamp unto thy feet, and a light unto thy path.** This man is walking in pitch black darkness, and he has no light; he cannot see. The only way you and I can see clearly is through His Word. That is the only way. This is what we're told in the Book of Hebrews, why the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. It's a discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart. The heart is deceitful above all things, desperately wicked. It shows you the power. Where the Word of the King is, there is power.

Now, get ready for this, look at what is said next. Proverbs 7:10—¹⁰ **And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.** (Emphasis added). It's unfortunate that in our culture when we read this, we go the exact opposite direction of what this is communicating. What do I mean? We think of the attire of a harlot means she's disrobing. She's going to wear very little clothing, and the whole concept to us is, well, that would be the attire of the harlot. Listen to me carefully, that is not what it's saying. It's actually saying the exact opposite.

If the Torah has anything to add to our knowledge in interpreting this passage, read Genesis thirty-eight. regarding Judah's son who died who was married to Tamar. He doesn't give his last son to her; he's like, why would I do that because he's going to end up dead too. So, she throws off her widow's garments. She knows Judah's coming, and she conceals her identity by veiling her face. Her identity is completely veiled. Judah comes along, and he turns to her because what he anticipated, what he saw was the attire of a harlot, a harlot that concealed her identity. That's what she did.

It gets even crazier when you see that she comes with a crafty heart. That word, *natsar* in Hebrew means guarded, meaning concealed. This woman, at every level, is concealing her true identity. She's not letting this to be known. This is very important. Then we read this in Proverbs 7:11—¹¹ **She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home.** (Emphasis added). Remember boisterous? This is exactly what we read in Proverbs nine. It brings it back to the table. She was loud. She's going to be heard.

I just have to say this: is it just me or is it my imagination, that as I look at the scope of Christianity as a whole, including the messy Messianic parts and the Hebrew Roots parts, those espousing heretical ideas are the loudest? They are the loudest. I have recognized this for years. Why is it these wishy-washy preachers can fill buildings with thousands? Their platform is loud, they have captured their audience. She was loud and rebellious.

Now understand something, this is *sarar* in the Hebrew, you can see how this term is used in the Hebrew Bible. It's specifically those who turn their back on God's law. By definition, what it means to rebel against God is to turn your back on His commandments and walk away. So, she is boisterous, she is loud, she is going to be heard, and she has rejected His Word.

I think of what Paul says, he says in Romans 8:7—⁷ **Because the carnal mind is enmity hatred against God; for it** the mind of flesh, those that rely not on the Spirit but those who rely on the mind of flesh, they have hatred against God. Why? Because **is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** (Emphasis added). True hatred against God says no, I will not submit, I will not yield to your Torah. I won't do it.

Proverbs 7:12—¹² **At times she was outside, at times in the open square, lurking at every corner.** Oh, ¹³ **So she caught him and kissed him;** (emphasis added). Another important detail that we're given here. We were just told this is a woman that rejects the law and now she's planting kisses on this unsuspecting victim. Do you think it's interesting that later on in the Book of Proverbs it says that **faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of the enemy are deceitful?** Do you know what that text means? It's referring to when you see your brother caught up in some serious sin that is going to merit the fires of hell, and that you, a true friend, comes and says the hard things. Faithful are the wounds of a friend. Oh, but someone who proclaims to be your friend and is not, who is your enemy, will wrap their arm around you and say, God loves you just as you are. You don't have to worry about change; you're under grace. The fact that this woman is kissing, it's the kisses of the enemy. Judas betrayed Yeshua with a kiss. Absolutely demonic.

Moving ahead to Proverbs 7:13_B-14—**with an impudent face she said to him:** An impudent face means shameless. You must get this, and you're going to want to buckle up for what you're about to see. With a shameless face, what does she say to him? ¹⁴ **"I have peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows.** (Emphasis added). In the Hebrew, it means *shelamim*. This is literally a sacrifice to Yahweh. When

you go to the Book of Leviticus, Chapter seven you can read about all these different sacrifices, the *hatat*, the *olah*, and one of the sacrifices is the *shelamim*, the peace offering, and it's made in three different contexts. One context is Free will, another is Thanksgiving. Oh, and what is the third? The Vow. This woman with a shameless face has just proclaimed to him, I just come back from worshipping the Lord.

I'm going to tell you right now that coming to the altar is one of the greatest expressions of worship you'll find anywhere in the Bible. When you come to the altar, you're coming to worship the Lord. This woman in one moment has just walked away from being drawn close to the Lord at the altar, and the next moment she's wanting to engage in lawless behavior. You can't even make that stuff up. Yet this very behavior is what we saw in Israel's history.

Going back to Jeremiah, what did the Lord say? Jeremiah 7:9—⁹ **Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know,** ¹⁰ **and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, Oh, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'?** (Emphasis added). God has delivered us. He is the God that said, I am the God who brought you out of Egypt. I have delivered you. We have received this grace, so it's OK to embrace these abominations, specifically lawless behavior, it's OK. This is literally what this woman is doing.

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Moving ahead to Proverbs 7:15—¹⁵ **So I came out to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you.** It's amazing. We're commanded, Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. What is this woman seeking? The desires of her heart. She's seeking lawlessness after coming from the altar of God.

Proverbs 7:16-17—¹⁶ **I have spread my bed with tapestry, colored coverings of Egyptian linen. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.** She is making this situation irresistible. Coloring her bed, adorning her bed with beauty, covering it with an intoxicating smell. You know what's interesting is that when you go back to the Garden of Eden and you look at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which Satan turned Eve's attention to, she saw that tree was beautiful to behold, that its fruit looked beautiful for food.

When you go to the book of Enoch, pseudepigraphic literature, Enoch says that its fragrance permeated from afar. It had this intoxicating scent. This is what the devil does. He's going to seduce and allure, and he does this through his corrupt and perverse doctrines and perverting the Word of God. But that's OK; he'll dress it up. He'll adorn it to make it look beautiful. He will douse his lawlessness with all these beautiful perfumes to get you to accept and turn the grace of God into lewdness and walk away turning your back on Him, and he'll make you feel good about it.

Then she says this in Proverbs 7:18—¹⁸ **Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with love.** Isn't this interesting? She uses the word *ohab*. Let us engage in this, and this is love. Isn't that amazing? She's actually redefined what love really is by totally changing the term. According to Paul, as we as we read in First Corinthians, Chapter thirteen, he said love does not rejoice in evil, it rejoices in truth. True love rejoices in the Word of God. True love rejoices in Yeshua as the Messiah, the one who is the way, the truth, and the life. That's true love. If you love me, you will keep my

commandments. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. That's love. She is now calling love lawlessness.

Wrap your head around that, as all these preachers, these false preachers and false teachers, this false wheat, goes forth and tells you that the only way you can love Jesus is by rejecting His law. This is what we're supposed to believe today. That's insane, redefining love.

Then we read this in Proverbs 7:19—¹⁹ **For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day.**" (Emphasis added). Why does she feel comfortable and safe to engage in lawless behavior? Because she does not see her husband. Now, go back to the Torah, what did we read just recently in Exodus, Chapter thirty-two? Moses, who was serving very much so as a typology of Israel's husband, goes up the mountain, and they saw he delayed his coming. What did they do? They fell into idolatry, which is literally called adultery. You cannot make this stuff up. She felt safe to engage in lawless behavior because she didn't see her husband.

Yeshua sends this warning, and it's really powerful. Matthew 24:45-49—⁴⁵ **"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷ Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' ⁴⁹ and begins to what beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,** (emphasis added).

The attitude is: see, He's delaying his coming, so now I'm going to be comfortable in lawlessness. My husband's gone on a long journey. He's not here yet, so it's OK to engage in sin. This is insane. Yeshua is telling us to not fall into this trap, and then He says this in Matthew 24:50—⁵⁰ **the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of.**

Oh, my goodness. How many stories have we heard over the years where a wife is at home thinking her husband is out on a business trip, but the husband comes home early, and what does he find? He finds his wife committing adultery.

I can remember this story not that long ago about a man who caught his wife in the act of committing adultery. He went into a jealous rage and killed his wife and the adulterer, and now he has a life sentence in prison. I remember thinking about how that man that came unglued, and then it hit me. That's what Yeshua is going to do when He comes back and finds you committing adultery. He's going to kill you, and He's going to kill the adulterer. We're told He's going to throw Satan and the false prophet in the into the lake of fire. He's warning us about this. I can remember reading this story thinking man, that's really harsh. The guy just lost it and killed two lives. What do you think is going to happen to you? See, if we don't believe this, you will do as the harlot has done.

Proverbs 7:19—¹⁹ **For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day.**" (Emphasis added). My husband is not at home. He's on a long journey.

Continuing in Proverbs 7:21—²¹ **With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him.** (Emphasis added). How did she set the hook? The exact way the devil set the hook on Eve. You will surely not die. You can walk away from the law of God. You can walk away from His

commandments. You don't have to worry; it's not going to cost you everything. It's not going to cost you your life. Actually, you are going to benefit. Don't you see the beautiful bed that I have adorned for you? Don't you smell the fragrance? That is waiting for you. Don't you see what you can have? This is the seductive forked tongue of the serpent. —

Proverbs 7:22-23—²² Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, ²³ Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, **he did not know it would cost his life.** (Emphasis added).

You know what little detail this harlot that concealed her identity, which guarded her heart, left out? You're a dead man. You come into bed with me, you're a dead man. Every Christian that gets in bed with the devil to start committing lawlessness, you're dead, it's over. The Lord will come on you in a day you're not expecting.

Proverbs 7:24-25—²⁴ Now therefore, listen to me, my children; 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. Don't be seduced. Don't be beguiled by this adulterous woman. Don't trust false doctrine. Don't eat the fruit of lies. Don't do it. Anyone that comes against you and tries to tell you the law of God is done away with and you as a Christian can't keep it so walk away, run for your life. That person, without even knowing it, is hunting your soul to destroy you.

Proverbs 7:26-27—²⁶ For she has cast down many wounded, **and all who were slain by her were strong men.** (Emphasis added). Think about that. How many men over the centuries have we known that were once strong in the faith and were anointed? Saul was anointed. He was a prophet and prophesied; he was not just anointed as King, he received the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He got taken out. He went into lawlessness. He trusted in lawlessness, and God took His mercy, He took His grace from him.

What about Judas Iscariot? He was part of the most powerful ministry the world has ever known. They were going out healing diseases and casting out demons. He was part of Yeshua's ministry. He saw things people only dreamed of, and he came to a point where he betrayed Yeshua with a kiss. Yeshua said it better if that man were not born. He gave himself over to unrighteousness and lawlessness.

Demus, was in the apostle Paul's ministry. Imagine cloth being taken from Paul and demons flying out of people. This is what demons saw, and yet Paul says, he has forsaken me having loved this present world. He became an adulterer and adulteress having loved the world. And then it says this. ²⁷ **Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.** This is how it ends; it ends with the warning. You're going to go to hell if you succumb to her; if you bend the knee to her, you're done.

Well, this is what's interesting, this is how Yeshua closes out His parable in the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13:37-42—³⁷ He Yeshua answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. Listen to this. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, oh, **and those who practice lawlessness,** ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Emphasis added).

This is exactly how Proverbs end regarding this harlot, this holy tare. It's exactly how Yeshua closes this out, specifically using this term, practicing lawlessness. I mean, it's almost like we're living in a make-believe world, and you have to pinch yourself because this can't be real. You can't have Christians saying you don't need to keep the law when everywhere we see in Yeshua's teachings, we go to Matthew seven, we go to Matthew twenty-four, we go to the parable of the wheat and the tares and then Matthew thirteen, and He's warning you, don't fall into Torah lessness. Don't do it!

The final statement as found in Matthew 13:43—⁴³ **Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**

Take heed, don't fall into lawlessness, fall into righteousness. Receive the invitation of the gospel that through Yeshua we are saved. Through Yeshua we're forgiven but receive the message of *Chokmah*, the message of wisdom that lies behind the invitation, forsake foolishness and live. Keep my commandments as the apple of your eye. This is what we're called to do. Amen.

[Closing prayer]

Abba Father. The depth of your word just can't even be described and how you keep schooling me, how you keep blowing my mind at the depth, the power, the majesty, and the beauty of your word. Every time we turn a page, you are there. It truly is magnificent. The word of God is magnificent. It is holy, it is just, and it is good. Lord, looking at what your word says and then looking out at a very lost church is very difficult. We see the impact that all these tares are making and the destruction that they cause, sowing their lawlessness within the church, and we know according to your word, we will reap what we sow.

We're told in Hosea, whoever sows righteousness will reap mercy. May we be that flock that doesn't hear the voice of a stranger but only listens to the voice of the shepherd so that we're taken out. Lord, may we only listen to your words. May we submit, willingly submit, to your truth. The draw of the world is so powerful and seductive. Lord, I pray that you teach us to take every thought captive to your obedience, the obedience of Christ. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? And if while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin?

This is the time, Lord, when we enter into prayer, where we ask for forgiveness. We ask that you would come and inhabit our heart. We ask that we would get a passion where we seek ye first the Kingdom of God and your righteousness, Lord, like never before. That we let go of all the things, all the seductive things, all the distractions of the world that are just pure garbage. Lord, we pray that we can get rid of those, and we can stand for truth and can become bold. We ask that we become louder than these harlots. These loud and boisterous harlots peddling their filth. They proclaim that Jesus saves and yet they peddled darkness. Lord, let us become louder.

And Yeshua, you did say you're the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but by you. You are the authentic Jewish Messiah that was prophesied. You are the Messiah that people all over the world would turn to. The coastlands would wait for your Torah. The Gentiles would wait for it, those who pine after you, Yeshua.

I just pray if there's anyone here that hasn't given their life to Yeshua, to pick up their cross and follow Him, Lord, I pray that you empower them to make that decision today and not to leave because you are

merciful and gracious to forgive us and there is no other name we can call upon. So, we just pray this in the mighty name of Yeshua, Amen.