

] Ravished Always with Her Love [

Proverbs 5:15 – 6:15

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~ Our Spiritual Safari received a profound lesson in truth regarding sexual education from the human health director in our last report from the Academy of Wisdom at God's University. Our final conclusion of that study was wise counsel to live a pure life for the sake of our home. That's the type of sex education God teaches, my friends. God gave the nation Israel specific instructions that no Israelite was to intermarry with strange women from the surrounding nations. Specifically, God said, *"neither shalt thou make marriages with them....for they will turn away thy son from following me that they may serve other gods...."* — Deuteronomy chapter seven. Well, we're told Solomon *".... loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites...."* We know Solomon had one thousand wives. If you have not read all seven previous safari reports from Proverbs, I can only suggest you go back and do so now.

Here, in this section of Proverbs, Solomon is attempting to pass along to Rehoboam the wisdom that his mother, Bathsheba, had imparted to him concerning marriage to strange women; but, of course, Rehoboam didn't listen to Solomon, and he married sixteen wives of his own, as we have seen in previous reports. See, if you have a thousand wives of strange women, friends, you can forget about telling your children not to do the same thing. If you are not living a life well-pleasing to the Lord, then there is something radically wrong in your walk with Christ; it means the Word of God is not getting through — and you will have no proper Godly influence in the lives of other people. God brings marriage to a very high level of sanctification when we do things His way. Whenever God speaks of a man's wife in Scripture, it is *ALWAYS* in the singular, too, by the way. The Christian home is to be a picture of the relationship between Christ and the church. Well, God is illustrating for us and warning about all of that again; because we learn line upon line, precept upon precept.

1 Peter 3: 1 *Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the*

conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, THAT YOUR PRAYERS BE NOT HINDERED ~

Those engaged in sexual sins may be saved. Frankly, I don't know if they are or not. However, they're acting the way the devil's children act. If you are a child of God, but continue in sexual sins, be warned: God is going to take you to the woodshed for the whipping of your life – sooner or later. It is possible He will kill you. I know of a person years ago who had a wonderful spouse and children, but they ran off with another person one day. I attempted to dissuade that person from making such a mistake. Today, I'm in the position of being able to say to that person, *"I told you so;"* as ugly as it may be to say that. Well, many years have gone by since then, and those two are the loneliest, saddest, most frustrated and unlovely people you could ever meet. I just happen to know that both of them regret what they did very much; and both of them would give anything to be able to go back and do it all over again the right way. Most times there is no second chance with these issues, friends. How tragic....

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15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

~ Lost or saved, friends, you need to recognize that God is seeing and watching you all the time. Some use profanity constantly while claiming to be a child of God. Some deny the Bible is the Word of God. Alright, I am going to make a concession here — maybe you are saved — I don't know; but, what I do know is that God commands us to make a difference between clean and unclean. A difference between holy and unholy. God is wondering why you act and say what you do. You're not glorifying Christ. I realize I am a sinner, too; saved by grace. I am, likewise, speaking to sinners who are either saved by grace or not saved; it simply cannot be otherwise — I know that. However, if you think your language and conduct are not indicative of that which is in your heart, then you just couldn't be more wrong. There is a pay day of accountability and retribution coming in our lives. You may think you are getting by with your corruption and profanity, but you aren't getting away with anything — you may want to just write that down while considering the next two verses very carefully....

22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

VI

1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

~ This chapter of Proverbs is good advice for the business world today – both for the Christian and unbeliever. The Word of God holds a lot of good advice for mankind; irrespective of whether they recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as God – or not. To refrain from signing a friend's loan note is always good advice. Avoiding going into business with a stranger is also very good advice. If the unsaved man would follow Godly principles, then that person could still be successful in earthly business. Unfortunately, the natural man is a proud, pious, greedy pygmy of a person who loves to be the big shot and boast of his own abilities. They love to appear that they are outstanding financial contributing members in their community. They love money; and that leads to their downfall. Well, we need to make sure we hold onto our friends, of course; but, even more importantly, we need to make sure we know who our enemies are....

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

~ A little ant teaches the positive side of this truth; and this is another section of Proverbs that is quoted ad infinitum. I think most people have

this proverb all wrong, candidly. This is, actually, one of the greatest lessons regarding eternity we have in all of Scripture. The ant is as diligent in its business as anything can possibly be. It labors day and night; taking care of the things that are all-important to the ant community. Interestingly, the “worker” class life-span for most ant species is only from several weeks to a few months. It seems as if they are preparing for their future; but what they are really preparing for is the future of their colony. They stay very busy, too.

The child of God could learn a critically important lesson from this. My personal belief is that the greatest sin in the ministry is pure laziness. Many people in full-time Christian service are squandering resources by being as lazy as they can be; and that is a sin for any child of God. Frankly, laziness in the Lord’s work is a curse on the body of Christ. What do you do in your spare time, friends? How much time and effort do you really put into reading, studying, and learning the Word of God? Very few people ever give me a straight answer to that question. I am sure most people who consider themselves dedicated Christians ultimately spend less than one hour each week in the Bible. Most people are the promoter; always out doing something *except* for the important business – which remains undone. If that describes you, then you ought to get out of Christian work, because you are a disgrace. How much time do you pastors put into preparing your sermons? Don’t you know that you are building on the foundation of Christ Jesus for those who come along after you? What are you leaving behind for your own “ant colony?” ~

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

~ There are some people who continuously make suggestive double-entendre connotations of filth. Even some Christians are border-line cases of this example. God hates that, friends; you can just write that down, too. Some of you are supposed to be children of God; but all I see from you are pictures of yourself, and even more self-love attached to that. Further, and I'm not trying to be a prude – and I don't think I am that – but modern television and contemporary music are positively evil, my beloved. It is literally over-loaded with suggestive and perverted content. Our most successful comedians are inextricably intertwined with sexual innuendo and that of a smutty double-meaning. I know many “*Christians*” who are utterly caught up in it. There is absolute respect in purity of speech, friends; make a note of that.

There is virtue in having a clean life that is as clear as the noonday sun. That's the type of men of which we need more today. I know I sound positively old-fashioned; but we do not have those types of men in Christian service — and we're getting absolutely nowhere as a result. Be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever you sow is exactly what you are going to reap. If you sow to the flesh, you're going to reap corruption. If you sow to the Spirit, then you will reap life everlasting. Many people, obviously, think they are fooling the Lord. Well, you're not fooling Him. God demands a holy life from us because He is holy. That's the type of person that He is going to bless and take interest in their life. I hear a whole lot about being holy from a whole lot of people. Well, their only problem is: they need to be more holy. So, we're just going to leave it at that for this leg of our Spiritual Safari. In our next report, we're going to learn all about what God hates. God is a God of love; but one cannot love righteousness without hating unrighteousness. God hates unrighteousness, you may be absolutely sure. Our next few reports are going to seem very unlovely to many readers. Personally, I do not suggest anyone read them – but I hope you will....

14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy ~

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