

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 128 – Attend To Wisdom Through The Wicked Die Without Instruction (Proverbs 5)

1. What needs to be done to regard discretion and for thy lips to keep knowledge?

“(1) My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: (2) That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge” (Proverbs 5:1-2).

* We have to “attend” [hearken, listen] unto wisdom (**Proverbs 22:17-18** and **Mark 4:23-24**).

* To listen we have to be willing to shut up (**Job 33:31-33** and **James 1:19**).

** Consider some Scriptural points about wisdom and our lips: **Proverbs 10:21**, **Proverbs 15:2**, **Proverbs 15:7**, **Proverbs 16:23**, **Proverbs 20:15**, **Ecclesiastes 10:12**, **James 3:13-18**, and **I Peter 4:11**).

2. What do we find out about the lips of a strange woman?

Dangerous: *“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil” (Proverbs 5:3).*

* Sweet things come from her lips (**Proverbs 2:16**, **Proverbs 6:24**, and **Proverbs 7:21**).

* Smooth words often conceal corruption in the heart (**Psalms 55:21**).

* Two great points to consider: **Proverbs 23:27-28** and **Ecclesiastes 7:26**.

3. Is the end of a strange woman as smooth as her words?

No: *“(4) But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. (5) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell” (Proverbs 5:4-5).*

* Her ways lead to hell (**Proverbs 7:5; 24-27**).

** In contrast, the end of a perfect man is peace (**Psalms 37:37**).

4. What does a strange woman do so that no one knows her paths?

She moves about, changes her tactics: *“Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, **her ways are moveable [varied]**, that thou canst not know them” (Proverbs 5:6).*

* All evil people try to conceal their real ways and intentions to increase unto more ungodliness (cf. **II Timothy 2:16; 3:13**).

5. As we are studying Proverbs chapter five, what are we told not to depart from?

“Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth” (Proverbs 5:7).

* Words of wisdom, as wisdom is personified here in the same points: **Proverbs 8:17-35** (emphasis on vs. 32-35) and **Proverbs 22:17-21**.

** The real words of wisdom are those of the inspired word of God (**I Corinthians 2:13**).

6. Should we be near strange women?

No: “*Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house*” (**Proverbs 5:8**).

* **Proverbs 6:22-28** and **Matthew 26:41**.

7. What happens when you do not remove your way from a strange woman?

“(8) *Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: (9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: (10) Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; (11) And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed*” (**Proverbs 5:8-11**).

* You give your honor and years to others; i.e. Samson and Delilah (**Judges 16** and **Proverbs 6:32-33**

* Strangers gain thy wealth (**Luke 15:30**).

* Your labor is taken into the house of strangers (**Psalms 109:2-10**).

* You mourn when your flesh and body are consumed for they will be cut off (**Psalms 37:38**).

8. If one does not remove their way from a strange woman, will they later realize they should have listened to godly counsel?

Yes: “(12) *And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; (13) And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me*” (**Proverbs 5:12-13**)!

* Many despise God’s word (**II Chronicles 36:16** and **Jeremiah 44:4-5**).

* But, they do regret their choice at some point (**Luke 16:19-31**).

* At this point in time, whether in life or death, repentance is out of reach for some because they are too hardened and God does not hear their cries (**Jeremiah 14:10-12**).

9. Are there people in evil while physically dwelling among the congregation of God’s people?

Yes: “*I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly*” (**Proverbs 5:14**).

* **Acts 20:28-31**, **I Corinthians 5:1-8**, and **Revelation 2:14-29**.

10. What is the point of Proverbs 5:15-17 (hint: read verses 18-20)?

Get what you need from your wife, take from your own rather than another’s: “(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” (Proverbs 5:15-20)?

* **Ecclesiastes 9:9, I Corinthians 6:18-7:5, and Hebrews 13:4.**

* We shall see the language of hind and roe being used sexually again in: **Song of Solomon 2:9; 4:5; 7:3; 8:14.**

* Be ravished [intoxicated; enraptured] in your wife’s love, not a strange woman.

11. Is God blind to what is going on in this world?

No: *“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings” (Proverbs 5:21).*

* **II Chronicles 16:9, Job 34:21, Psalms 11:4, Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 16:17, Jeremiah 17:10, Jeremiah 23:24, Jeremiah 32:19, Hosea 7:2, and Hebrews 4:13.**

12. Are wicked people entrapped in their own sins?

Yes: *“His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins” (Proverbs 5:22).*

* We get caught by our own sins: **Galatians 6:1, II Timothy 2:3-4, and Hebrews 12:1-2.**

13. What happens to the wicked when they are without instruction?

“He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray” (Proverbs 5:23).

* Commentary on this verse is found here: **Psalms 81:10-13, Proverbs 10:21, and Proverbs 14:32.**