

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 130 – Keep The Words Of God Through Ignorance Leads To Being Trapped (Proverbs 7)

1. What is to be kept as we begin studying the seventh chapter of Proverbs?

*“My son, **keep my words**, and lay up my commandments with thee” (Proverbs 7:1)?*

* We should be keeping God’s word (**Deuteronomy 4:2, Deuteronomy 29:9, Luke 8:15, Luke 11:28, John 14:23, and Revelations 1:3**).

* We need to be laying up God’s commands as well (**Job 22:2 and Proverbs 10:14**)?

2. What is to be the apple of our eye?

“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye” (Proverbs 7:2).

* We ought to greatly desire the word of God (**Psalms 119:47-48, Psalms 119:97, Acts 13:7, and I Peter 2:1-2**).

3. Where are the commands of God supposed to be written?

“Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart” (Proverbs 7:3).

* **Deuteronomy 11:18-20, Proverbs 3:1, Proverbs 23:12, Romans 10:8, Colossians 3:16, and Hebrews 10:16**.

4. Will wisdom keep us from bad influences?

Yes: *“(4) Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: (5) That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words” (Proverbs 7:4-5).*

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalms 119:11).

5. Will naïve [simple] individuals walk towards harms way?

Yes (cf. **Proverbs 14:15; 22:3**): *“(6) For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, (7) And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, (8) Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, (9) In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: (10) And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart” (Proverbs 7:6-10).*

* Some thoughts about those who are simple, those void of understanding (**Psalms 19:7, Psalms 119:130, Proverbs 1:2-4, and Proverbs 8:5**).

6. Is there anything in Proverbs Chapter Seven that shows us that one's attire tells us something about that person?

Yes: *"And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart"* (**Proverbs 7:10**).

* One's attire, sometimes cultural, reveals things about them (**Genesis 38:14-15** and **I Timothy 2:9-10**).

7. Do promiscuous women fit the description of I Peter 3:1-7?

No, she's the opposite: *"(11) (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: (12) Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner)"* (**Proverbs 7:11-12**).

8. Does a promiscuous woman act like a predator with traps in place?

Yes: *"(13) So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent [strong] face said unto him, (14) I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. (15) Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. (16) I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. (17) I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. (18) Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves... (21) With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. (22) He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; (23) Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life"* (**Proverbs 7:13-18; 21-23**).

* Just think about the statement "she caught him" (**Psalms 119:110** and **Ecclesiastes 7:26**).

* Her fair speech and flattering lips forced him (**Judges 16:10-17**, **Psalms 12:2**, **Proverbs 5:3**, and **Proverbs 26:28**).

9. Where is the promiscuous woman's husband while she is seducing this young, naïve man?

"(19) For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: (20) He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed" (**Proverbs 7:19-20**).

* In other words, there is no fear of being caught by the man of the house. This is the all too common tactic of ungodly people. Thing is, you are not getting away with something (**Proverbs 5:21**).

10. As to not decline to the ways of the ungodly, what should we all attend to?

God's words: *"(24) Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. (25) Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths"* (**Proverbs 7:24-25**). * **I John 2:1** * Don't look on her (**Matthew 5:28**).

11. Can “strong men” always overcome the wicked plots of promiscuous women?

No: *“For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her” (Proverbs 7:26).*

* We’d better never get the idea that we are too strong for temptation to overcome us (**Matthew 26:41, I Corinthians 10:12, and I Peter 2:11**).

12. Where does the house of the promiscuous woman lead to?

“Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (Proverbs 7:27).

* **Proverbs 9:13-18.**