

***The Proverbs: Choosing Wisdom in a Foolish World***  
**The Truth about Sexual Sin**

**Proverbs 5:1-23**

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**I. You'll Never Understand the Horrors of Sexual Sin Until You Understand the Glory of God's Original Design**

**Proverbs 5-7** are filled with exuberant Hebrew words expressing the love and sexuality commanded between a husband and wife in marriage.

**Proverbs 5:15-19** "Drink water from your own cistern, and running water from your own well. Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love."

God didn't just give us sexuality for pleasure or procreation, but for us to taste and put on display in this fallen world the love of His Son for His Bride- the people of God.

Romance and sexuality reveal something glorious about God – how He pursues us, knows us, accepts us and delights in us so that we can be completely unguarded and unashamed in His presence.

Sexual sin is like ugly graffiti that mars the glorious display of the Gospel and God's unending, undiminished love for us that's found in Jesus.

There won't be sex in heaven because it was always intended to be a foretaste of something better- acceptance and total union with Christ.

**Romans 7:4** "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another – to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God."

**Ephesians 5:31-32** "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."

**Revelation 21:7** "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

**II. You'll Never Get the Truth about Sexual Sin Unless You Get It from God's Word**

**A. Sexual Sins Affect You on a Deeper Level than Other Sins**

In **Proverbs 5** and **6**, Solomon puts sexual sin in a unique category in terms of its impact on us and our relationship with God. It's the same thing Paul was doing in **I Corinthians 6:15-20**.

Since Jesus lives in you, you involve Jesus in every sexual sin you do. He goes with you, He's there with you, and you defile Him along with yourself because the very definition of Christian means to be joined to Jesus.

## **B. Sexual Sins Will Harden Your Heart and Leave You Wanting More**

Read **Ephesians 4:17-22**.

Not only does sexual sin always leave you wanting more, it also leads you to a place of having fewer options because you are more and more enslaved by the very things that you thought would set you free.

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It's dangerous and foolish to think you can just play with sexual sin while you also hold God on retainer for when you decide you need Him.

## **C. Sexual Sins Promise Freedom But Ultimately Lead to Slavery and Destruction**

**Proverbs 5:21-22** "For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin."

Sexual sin affects you in greater ways than some other sins because God designed sex to create trenches in your heart.

Sexual intimacy was designed by God to bond you together with another person. It was never intended to be wrenched out of the context of covenant commitment or to solely be a physical act.

### **1. Sexual Sins Will Rob You of Real Intimacy with God**

**John 14:20-21** "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

### **2. Sexual Sins Will Destroy Your Capacity to Love Other People Created in the Image of God**

The misuse of the good gift of sexual intimacy will scar you and damage your ability to love and care for another human being because sexual sin dehumanizes other people on the altar of our own sexual desires.

God doesn't just tell us about the horrors of sexual sin. He tells us about a Savior who came to set us free.

**Titus 2:11-14** says Jesus, who's filled with grace and truth, is the one who's able to teach us to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly lusts.

The 'grace of God that brings salvation' is a reference to Jesus, coming into this world because that's our only hope to overcome sexual sin or any other kind of sin.