

Theme: The wise person will avoid all sexual immorality, but will enjoy a passionate sexual relationship with their spouse.

## I. Intro – SEX... Reactions

- A. SEX – attention; embarrassment; not at church!
- B. Key topic in Proverbs – 2:16-19; 5; 6:20-35; 7; 22:14; 23:27;
- C. Song of Songs – sexual love between spouses
- D. What does wisdom say about sex?
- E. How do the wise view sex?

## II. Avoiding Sexual Sin (v1-14; 21-23)

- A. Son – pay attention (vv1-2, 7)
  - 1. Call to listen (vv1-2, 7)
  - 2. Call to live and repeat words (v2)
- B. The Way of the adulteress (vv2-6)
  - 1. The adulteress' sweet, smooth speech (v2-3; 7:21-23)
  - 2. Her promises are false (vv3-4)
  - 3. Her path is deadly (v5)
  - 4. Her moral confusion (v6)
- C. Stay far away from her (v7-8; 1 Cor 6:18)

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- 2. Flee sexual temptation (1 Cor 6:18; Joseph)

## III. Consequences of Sexual Sin (vv9-14; 22-23)

- A. Consequences of sexual sin (vv9-14; 22)
  - 1. Financial problems (vv9-10; blackmail; today)
  - 2. Enslavement to sin (v22)
  - 3. Personal regret & shame (vv11-14)
  - 4. Social ruin (v14)
  - 5. Death (v23; disease; judgment by God)
- B. The eternal consequences – God is watching (vv21-23)
  - 1. God is watching (vv21-23)
  - 2. A life given over to sexual sin leads to eternal death

## IV. The Joy of Godly Sex (vv15-20)

- A. The call to sexual fidelity (vv15-20)
  - 1. Note the exclusive terms (highlighted)
  - 2. Godly sex – only between husband and wife
- B. The call to sexual enjoyment
  - 1. Water & deer – metaphors for sex (vv15-18; v19)

2. Call to overflowing sexual pleasure (vv15-19)
3. Song of Songs (Read chapter 7)
4. Refreshing, overflowing, joyful & intoxicating

Proverbs 5:1-23; Song of Solomon  
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Psalm 128 paraphrase ??

## **V. Conclusion & Summary**

- A. Do you recognize that God cares about sex?
  1. Our culture says sex He does not care or hates it
  2. Most discussed topic in Proverbs! – He cares!
  3. Instruction includes restrictions - & enjoyment!
- B. Are you avoiding sexual sin?
  1. Avoiding all sexual contact outside of marriage?
  2. Avoiding even getting near this problem?
  3. Recognize the consequences of sexual sin?
  4. Condom can't protect you – obedience does!
- C. To the married – are you enjoying sex?
  1. This is as much a command as the other!
  2. This is a critical part of wisdom
  3. Is your sex life abundant, overflowing, joyful, intoxicating?

21 With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. 22 All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose 23 till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.  
Proverbs 7:21-23

7 I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment. 8 He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house 9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.  
Proverbs 7:7-9

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.  
1 Corinthians 6:18

In Hao's study, married families had accumulated the greatest net worth... followed by remarried families, then single father families, the cohabiting couples and single moms, both of whom had virtually no net worth on average. (*The Case for Marriage*, 111)