

Message #19

Proverbs 5:15-23

According to I Cor. 7:2, sex is **the** main reason for getting married.

According to I Cor. 7:3, sexual fulfillment is a debt you owe your spouse.

According to I Cor. 7:5, sexual abstinence can lead to satanic temptation.

According to I Cor. 7:9, sexual urges are burning passions. The Bible is absolutely clear: “sex is a vital force in life.”

The Bible is clear on where this sex drive is to be expressed and that is in the marital relationship. It is in marriage that it is proper to physically enjoy one another for it is in the marital relationship that physical intimacy is honorable and the bed is undefiled (Heb. 13:4).

STAY FAITHFUL TO YOUR WIFE AND PHYSICALLY ENJOY HER YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

To state this thesis more graphically, what Solomon is saying is that your sexual urges should be enjoyed with your spouse and no one else.

SECTION #1 – The metaphorical picture. 5:15-18

Message #1 - Find total sexual refreshment continually from your wife. 5:15

In this verse the “cistern” and “well” refers to the wife. It was not uncommon for Solomon to use this metaphorical language in reference to one’s wife (5:18; Song of Sol. 4:12, 15).

Both of these—cistern and well—were places where a thirsty man would continually come to be refreshed. Solomon’s point here is that a husband is to continually go to his own wife to find total sexual refreshment.

Both husband and wife need to understand this image—for a man to look to another well for refreshment is to place yourself on a road of danger and death (5:23). For a woman to have a dry well that offers no refreshment is to possibly enhance your husband to look to other places to quench his thirst.

Message #2 - Find total sexual refreshment only from your wife. 5:16

This is a difficult verse but what Solomon is saying is find your sexual refreshment with your wife only and do not go away from your home and into the streets for that refreshment.

Message #3 - Find total sexual refreshment only from each other. 5:17

This is a challenge to a husband and wife to be totally dedicated to each other in the area of sexual intimacy.

Message #4 - Find God's blessings only in refreshment from your wife. **5:18**

The word "blessed" is a theological word. This verse says that the only sexual relationship that honors God and the only one He blesses which will bring joy is one with your wife and only your wife.

SECTION #2 – The literal statements. **5:19-20**

Message #1 - Be physically intoxicated with your wife's love. **5:19**

There are seven Hebrew words for "breast" in the O.T. and this is the most sensuous and most erotic of all of them. The word "be exhilarated" or "be ravished" literally implies be totally intoxicated. This verse encourages a husband and wife to become physically intoxicated with each other. Dr. Bruce Waltke said in his exposition of Proverbs, "lose total control of yourself with your wife's love."

Message #2 - Don't be physically intoxicated with anyone but your wife. **5:20**

Solomon's point is don't ever be going elsewhere for physical fulfillment when you have a dazzling, sensuous woman at home.

SECTION #3 – The motivational reasons. **5:21-23**

Reason #1 - Because God does watch. **5:21**

God here claims to be a witness of everything you do.

Reason #2 - Because God will judge. **5:22**

This statement is that God will allow an immoral man or woman to hang themselves.

Reason #3 - Because God will execute. **5:23**

God executes those who refuse to respond to His truth. It is not always physical, but it is always spiritual.

Sex is a God-given force and can be a God-honoring one. Stay faithful to your wife and erotically enjoy her for your entire life and you will be pleasing to God, even in your sex life.