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**(#19) Six Hasty Misjudgments of Youth: 6:1-7-27 – ONE AT A TIME.
6:20-35: (5) Don't Jump Into The Wrong Bed!**

There was no sexual sin listed previously in what God hates, but Solomon's wisdom here and next clearly shows that God is adamantly against violation of His Marriage Law ([Genesis 2:24](#)), for "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" ([Hebrews 13:4](#)).

Verses 20-23: Deliverance

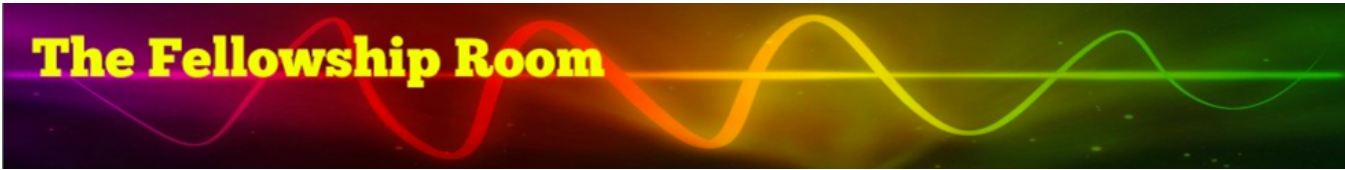
The purpose of parental, Scriptural wisdom is so the "son" can make his own informed, right decision. Heed, don't rebel; make this your constant adornment; make this your own thoughts, for good judgments. To see the right way, the "son" needs lamp, light, and leading.

Verses 24-25: Damage

The woman who disregards the sacredness of sex only within marriage is "evil." Her enticing words should be rejected ([Proverbs 2:16; 5:3-4; 7:5, 21](#)) because "flattering lips" shows a "double heart" ([Psalm 12:2-3](#)). "Lust" is animal desire, not love! It is a serious mistake to think that it is ([2 Samuel 13:1-17](#)). One who follows lust alone abandons the human dignity which includes reason, and becomes an animal in heat or rut! Lust originates within the heart, rather than from external circumstances ([Mark 7:20-23](#)). "Her beauty" is not described, for the most alluring feature of a woman is not her physical, but her intentional design. The "allure" with painted eyes just calls attention to her interests. Focus on her evil intent, not her outer distractions.

Verses 26-33: Destruction

This type of woman is the predator, the man the prey who will pay dearly if he proceeds. How closely can a man be to fire without being burned; and how far can he walk across burning coals (NOT by the trick of walking fast, with calloused feet, or chemical protection!). Fire burns, and an "evil woman" damns to Hell! As certainly as fire burns, adultery condemns! A "thief" is still to be condemned ([Exodus 20:14; John 10:10; Romans 13:8-10](#)), yet if motivated by "starving" (self-preservation), it is understandable, not excusable. The thief must repay ([Exodus 22:1-15](#)), possibly up to 700%, all that he owns! The stupid adulterer, however, has NO self-preservation motive for his action, but only self-interest, and there is NO sympathy or pity for him, at all. He "destroys his own soul," wounds will come to his body (whether punishments or STDs), and he loses his reputation



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(**verses 32-33**). Emphasis has shifted from the stupid man going in to a prowling woman, to a prowling man who stupidly goes in to "his neighbor's wife." Marriage limits are ignored in either case!

Verses 34-35: Dissatisfaction

Her husband's "jealousy" is his rage without mercy "in the day of vengeance" (or day of reckoning). There is NO amount of repayment for this fouling of his marriage purity. He may never "be appeased" (or satisfied) though offered "many gifts." God demanded the death of both parties in the adultery (**Leviticus 20:10**), which law Jesus honored by not condemning the one party brought to Him (**John 8:1-11**). A husband has been violated when adultery occurs and may never recover his trust in that wife again. This kind of loss of confidence caused God to condemn the southern kingdom of Judah (**Jeremiah 7:8-15**).

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