



The Beauty of God's Plan



PROVERBS 5:15-23 - MESSAGE

Celebrate the contented delight of
married love

Proverbs 5 - Avoid the seduction of sexual sin

1-6

Consider the character of those who entice you

7-14

Contemplate the consequences of sexual sin

15-23

Celebrate the contented delight of married love

Three wisdom principles to govern our sexual behavior – Prov 5:1-14

- I. Restrict sexual delight to the marriage relationship (15-17)
- II. Be intoxicated by sexual delight with your spouse (18-19)
- III. Be aware that Yahweh sees all and will punish sexual sin (20-23)

Intended For Pleasure, Dr. Ed and Gaye Wheat

Thirst quenching waters – Prov 5:15-19

*“You are a garden spring, a well of fresh
water”*

“Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers”

(Song of Solomon 4:15; 5:1)



Proverbs 5:15

By cistern Solomon “likenes his wife to a prized possession for storing rainwater in arid and stony Canaan. The water pit was...some meters deep, and...hollowed out in rocky ground”

(Bruce Waltke, Proverbs, I:317)

Drinking from streams in the streets – Prov 5:16



Proverbs 5:16-17

The idea is this, “the place where you drink water (find sexual satisfaction) is to be at home with your spouse, not outside the home with people who are not your spouse”

“For you alone” is lit., “for yourself in radical isolation from others”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:319)

Proverbs 5:19

Bruce Waltke explains the phrase “**at all times**” saying that “the father prays that his son will have a wife who can quench that thirst quantitatively, at all times, and, qualitatively, in the most satisfying way”

(Proverbs, 1:320)

Rich Theology of Prov 5:20-23

God is **omniscient**—
He sees every bit of
our behavior, good
and evil (Nah 1:8)

God is **just**—He will
punish all sin

God is **good**—He
ties true blessing to
obedience.

God is **wise** and
omnipotent—He
ties consequences to
sin

Your sin is itself the trap!

The Venus Flytrap gives off a scent that insects think is a food they desire, but when they come looking to indulge, it closes in around them and they become food!

Similarly, sin attracts you, making you think it will satisfy your desires. But sin itself is the trap that will enslave you! — **Proverbs 5:22**



Proverbs 5:22-23

David Hubbard describes the “guilt, compromise, and failure” of sexual sin as **walking death**

(Proverbs, p. 96)

Proverbs 5:15-19

Sexual intimacy finds its meaning from what it points to. It points to “ecstasies that are unattainable and inconceivable in this life...[it] is telling the glory of immeasurable delights that we will have in Christ in the age to come. There will be no marriage there (Matt. 22:30). But what marriage meant will be there. And the pleasures of marriage, ten-to-the-millionth power, will be there”

(John Piper, *This Momentary Marriage*, “Faith and Sex In Marriage”, p. 128)