

Adultery and its Deadly Consequences

Proverbs 2:16-19

It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, who has left the partner of her youth

and ignored the covenant she made before God.

For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead.

None who go to her return or attain the paths of life. NIV

A ticket to hell

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - 9 Do you not know **that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: Neither **the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers** nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. NIV

Leviticus 20:10 -10 "If a man commits adultery with another man's wife — with the wife of his neighbor — **both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.**

It is a great sin against God

1 Corinthians 6:14-20 - 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. **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.** 19 Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. **Therefore honor God with your body.** NIV

Hebrews 13:4-5 - 4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for **God will judge the adulterer** and all the sexually immoral. NIV

Exodus 20:14 - 14 "**You shall not commit adultery.** NIV

Malachi 3:5 - 5 "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, **adulterers** and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, **but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.** NIV

It is an attractive sin, she is very seductive

Proverbs 6:23-35 - 3 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, 24 keeping you from the immoral woman, from **the smooth tongue of the wayward wife.** 25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, 26 for **the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life.** 27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? 28 Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? 29 **So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.** 30 Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving. 31 Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house. **32 But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.** 33 Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away; 34 for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. 35 He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse the bribe, however great it is. NIV

It has tremendous consequences

Proverbs 5:1-23 - My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, 2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; 4 but **in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.** 5 **Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.** 6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. 7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. 8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, 9 lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house. 11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. **12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! 13 I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. 14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the**

whole assembly." 15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. 18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer — may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. 20 Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife? **21 For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. 22 The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. 23 He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.** NIV

Her seduction is smooth and sweet, but the end is death!

Proverbs 7:5-27 - 5 they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words. 6 At the window of my house I looked out through the lattice. 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. 10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. 11 (She is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; 12 now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) 13 She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: **14 "I have fellowship offerings at home; today I fulfilled my vows. 15 So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! 16 I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. 18 Come, let's drink deep of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love!** 19 My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. 20 He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon." **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.** 24 Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. 25 Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. **26 Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. 27 Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.** NIV

David's Sin and the Consequences that Followed

2 Sam 11:1 - 1 ¶ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. (NKJV)

1. Matthew Henry writes - 1-5 *Observe the occasions of David's sin; what led to*

it. 1. Neglect of his business. He tarried at Jerusalem. When we are out of the way of our duty, we are in temptation. 2. Love of ease: idleness gives great advantage to the tempter. 3. A wandering eye. He had not, like Job, made a covenant with his eyes, or, at this time, he had forgotten it. And observe the steps of the sin. See how the way of sin is down-hill; when men begin to do evil, they cannot soon stop. Observe the aggravations of the sin.

2 Sam 11:2 - 2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. (NKJV)

1. he saw – David saw. The lust of the eyes swept this man's life and his family into misery for many years to come. This **one temptation**, which could have been easily overcome by the way which the Lord afforded to escape it, was the shame of the throne of Israel as well as the following:

1. The offense against God and His love and anointing of David's crown
2. The shame of Bathsheba
3. The heartbreak and betrayal of Bathsheba at the death of Uriah
4. The betrayal of one of David's "30 mighty men," and dear friend, Uriah the Hittite
5. The death of Uriah the Hittite v-2:17
6. The death of the men that fought at Uriah's side v-2:17
7. The death of Bathsheba and David's firstborn son
8. The shame of Tamar, David's daughter, at Amnon's rape
9. The death of Amnon, son of David, murdered by his brother Absalom
10. The shame of David's crown, when Absalom lay with David's wives
11. The shame of David's deposal from the throne in Absalom's rebellion
12. The death of Absalom
13. No doubt countless other sins in the implementation of the above

All of these were either a direct or indirect result of David's adultery and subsequent murder of Uriah, his valiant friend. They came to pass by the hand of the Lord at the prophecy of Nathan, 2 Sam 12:10-12. These great tragedies could have been avoided by the simple putting to death of the lust of the eyes toward Bathsheba. One sin reaps a whirlwind of death and misery. The way of adulteress leads down the paths of death!

2 Sam 11:1-27 –

1. The progression of sins in this section is tragic and profound. It is a lesson to us all of the tremendous danger and impact of sins. Sin reaps sour wages, every time! It promises something pleasing but steals and kills and destroys. It can lead to very great and terrible destruction if it is not stopped.
2. Here we see that even a great man of God can fall under the spell of sin and temptation. Here we learn to flee from sin, as fast as we can run, and never ever afford it an opportunity in our lives. Even the strongest and most valiant men of God can be destroyed, even their families torn by savage wolves as a result. Sin has deluged the entire human race, let us now flee from it, trusting God for power, strength and a refuge!

2 Sam 12:1-6 –

1. It is notable that David's anger burned against the man in the story, being seemingly oblivious to his own sin. Oh how we are blinded by sin! We stand with planks in our eyes critically punishing those around us because of the specks in their eyes. David's anger burned, but HE WAS THE MAN!
Oh God grant us humility! Let us cast off foolish judgment and render according to righteousness.

2 Sam 12:7-15 –

1. Nathan's mouth was God's sword to cut David to bits. The woe of the prophets is a fearful dread! May we find ourselves blameless that we may escape it!
2. Although God did not take David's sin to his eternal account v-12:13, (because of Christ), David suffered earthly consequences which were far reaching. His sins were wretched and reprehensible. ***Just how vile were they? This can be estimated in the consequences that followed.***

2 Sam 12:15-23 –

1. The second death in a long list of them, David's son.

Prov 5:3-5 - For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, And smoother than oil is her speech; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet ***go down to death, Her steps lay hold of Sheol.***

2 Sam 13 –

1. Amnon rapes Tamar, Absalom kills Amnon. Shame and disgrace, the jewels on the crown of death! Let us take heed here, lest we fall!

2 Sam 14-17 –

1. David is deposed from the throne by his own son's rebellion. And then his son lays with his wives in broad daylight in fulfillment of Nathan's prophecy v-16:22. Then to top it off, Absalom seeks David's life. Oh what sorrow and shame must have pierced David's heart! Here we see the far reaching affects of what began as one simple sin of idleness. Here we may estimate the power of our great enemy SIN!

It would truly be better to gouge out our eyes!