

# Proverbs 5

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## Warning Against Adultery

- <sup>1</sup> My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:
  - <sup>2</sup> That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.
  - <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smother than oil:
  - <sup>4</sup> But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
  - <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
  - <sup>6</sup> Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.
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- <sup>7</sup> Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
  - <sup>8</sup> Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
  - <sup>9</sup> Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
  - <sup>10</sup> Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;
  - <sup>11</sup> And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
  - <sup>12</sup> And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
  - <sup>13</sup> And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

**14** I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

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**Drink Water from Your Own Cistern**

**15** Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

**16** Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

**17** Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

**18** Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

**19** Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

**20** And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

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**21** For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

**22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

**23** He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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**Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Love** — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

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**Sin** — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Proverbs 5:1** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 2:1; 4:1; 4:20; 22:17; Mark 4:23; James 1:19; Revelation 2:11; 2:17; 3:13

**Proverbs 5:2**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:21; 15:2; 15:7; 16:23; Psalms 45:2; 71:15; 119:13. **Related:** Song of Solomon 4:11

**Proverbs 5:3** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 2:16; 6:24; 7:5; 7:21; Psalms 55:21

**Proverbs 5:4** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:18; Ecclesiastes 7:26. **Word:** Psalms 55:21; 57:4; Hebrews 4:12

**Proverbs 5:5** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 7:27

**Proverbs 5:6** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:26; 5:21; 30:20; Psalms 16:11; 119:59

**Proverbs 5:7** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:1

**Proverbs 5:8** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:15; 7:25; Matthew 6:13; Ephesians 5:11

**Proverbs 5:9** **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 13:26

**Proverbs 5:10** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:35; 31:3; Hosea 7:9

**Proverbs 5:11**

**Parallel theme:** Numbers 5:27; Romans 6:21; Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 22:15

**Proverbs 5:12** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:7; 1:22; 1:25; 12:1; 13:18; 15:5; Genesis 19:9; Psalms 50:17; 73:22; Jeremiah 44:4

**Proverbs 5:13** **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; Hebrews 13:7

**Proverbs 5:14** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:20

**Proverbs 5:15** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 13:4

**Proverbs 5:16** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 24:60; Deuteronomy 33:28; Judges 12:9; Psalms 68:26; 127:3; 128:3; Isaiah 48:21

**Proverbs 5:18** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 9:9

**Proverbs 5:19**

**Related:** Song of Solomon 2:9; 2:17; 4:5; 7:3; 8:14. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 5:15

**Proverbs 5:20** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:24; 7:5

**Proverbs 5:21** **Parallel theme:** Job 31:4; 34:21; Psalms 119:168; Jeremiah 16:17; 32:19; Hosea 7:2; Hebrews 4:13. **References Lord:** Proverbs 15:3; Psalms 11:4; Jeremiah 23:24

**Proverbs 5:22** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:18; Psalms 9:15. **Evil:** Proverbs 11:5

**Proverbs 5:23** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:21; 14:14; 14:32; Job 4:21; 36:12; Psalms 81:12