

Proverbs 5:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

Analysis

Strangers will be filled with your wealth and your labors go to a foreigner's house. The economic consequences of adultery are severe - everything you work for enriches others. The Hebrew 'zur' (stranger/outsider) appears twice, emphasizing that what should benefit your household instead benefits those with no legitimate claim. Sexual sin has financial devastation, not just moral/relational costs.

Historical Context

Ancient society's economic unit was the household/family. Adultery could result in divorce, loss of inheritance, payment of restitution. Everything earned through honest labor could be forfeited through moral failure. The stranger/foreigner benefiting adds insult to injury - those outside covenant community profit from covenant breaker's folly.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What economic or practical consequences might result from sexual immorality you're contemplating?
2. How does considering the 'stranger' who benefits from your folly help resist temptation?
3. What labor/wealth should you ensure benefits your household rather than outsiders?

Interlinear Text

פֶּן	יִשָּׁבַע וְ	זָרִים	כֶּתֶךָ	וְעֲצֶבְךָ יָךְ	בְּבֵית יֵת
H6435	be filled	Lest strangers	with thy wealth	and thy labours	be in the house
	H7646	H2114	H3581	H6089	H1004
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of a stranger					
H5237					

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 31:3 (Parallel theme): Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

Proverbs 6:35 (Parallel theme): He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Hosea 7:9 (Parallel theme): Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.