

# Proverbs 5:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

## Analysis

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At life's end, you'll mourn when your flesh and body are consumed. The Hebrew 'naham' (groan/lament) describes anguished regret. The consumption of flesh/body likely indicates disease (STDs were known in ancient world) or simply aging's regrets. What seemed pleasurable in youth produces groaning in old age. Deathbed regrets can't undo life's foolish choices. This verse warns: consider end from beginning; don't live for present pleasure if it produces future anguish.

## Historical Context

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Ecclesiastes explores this theme extensively - pleasure pursued as ultimate good leaves emptiness and regret. The rich fool in Jesus' parable (Luke 12:16-21) faced similar reckoning - life demanded, nothing to show. Throughout Scripture, death crystallizes life's real priorities, revealing whether we invested in eternal or temporal goods.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What choices are you making now that your future self might deeply regret?
2. How can contemplating your deathbed perspective inform present decisions?
3. What changes would eliminate potential end-of-life mourning over wasted opportunities?

## Interlinear Text

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And thou mourn	at the last	are consumed	when thy flesh	and thy body
H5098	H319	H3615	H1320	H7607

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 6:21** (Parallel theme): What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

**Revelation 22:15** (Parallel theme): For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

**Hebrews 13:4** (Parallel theme): Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

**Numbers 5:27** (Parallel theme): And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.