

# Proverbs 5:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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Sexual fidelity within marriage is portrayed through water imagery—refreshing, life-giving, and exclusive. The cistern and well represent the covenant wife, whose love should fully satisfy. This elevates marital intimacy as God's good gift while condemning adultery's theft and covenant-breaking.

## Historical Context

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In arid Israel, water sources were precious and legally protected. The metaphor would resonate powerfully, as stealing another's water could mean survival versus death—sexual sin similarly destroys lives and communities.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does viewing marriage covenant as sacred protect against sexual temptation?
2. In what ways can you cultivate greater satisfaction and fidelity in your relationships?

## Interlinear Text

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Drink waters out of thine own cistern and running waters

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thine own well

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## Additional Cross-References

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

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