

Proverbs 7:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my
VOWS.

Analysis

I had to offer peace offerings; today I've paid my vows. The Hebrew 'zebach shelamim' (peace offerings) and 'shalam neder' (fulfill vows) invoke religious language. The seductress claims piety while planning sin. Portions of peace offerings returned to offerers for celebratory meals, which she uses as pretext for entertaining her target. This illustrates hypocrisy - using religious observance as cover for immorality.

Historical Context

Leviticus 7:11-21 prescribed peace offering procedures. Portions were burned, portions eaten by priests, portions returned to offerers for celebratory meals. These meals could legitimately include guests, but this woman perverts religious practice into seduction pretext. Using religion to facilitate sin represents profound hypocrisy. Jesus condemned Pharisees for similar corruption of piety.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How might you be using religious activity as cover for sinful intentions?
2. What legitimate Christian practices could be perverted into facilitating sin?
3. How can you ensure religious observance cultivates genuine holiness rather than providing cover for compromise?

Interlinear Text

זְבִּחֵי י'	שְׁלָמִי ים	עַל י'	הַ י' וּם	שָׁלַ מְתִי	נִדְרֵי:
offerings	I have peace	H5921	with me this day	have I payed	my vows
H2077	H8002		H3117	H7999	H5088

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 21:27 (Sacrifice): The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

Proverbs 15:8 (Sacrifice): The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Leviticus 7:11 (Sacrifice): And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.