

Proverbs 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

Analysis

Come, let's drink deeply of love until morning; let's delight in love. The Hebrew 'ravah' (drink deeply/saturate) and 'alaz' (rejoice/delight) describe indulgent pleasure. The invitation is to unbounded sensual enjoyment. 'Until morning' indicates extended encounter. Seduction promises pleasure without consequences, intensity without commitment. It offers what marriage legitimately provides but divorces pleasure from covenant context.

Historical Context

Song of Solomon celebrates legitimate marital sexual pleasure using similar language - drinking, delighting, enjoying. The difference is covenant context. What's beautiful within marriage becomes destructive outside it. Seduction steals marital blessings while rejecting marital commitments. It's theft of God's good gifts by removing them from His designed context.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does removing God's gifts from His designed contexts pervert good into evil?
2. What pleasures are you pursuing outside the covenant contexts God designed for them?
3. How can you celebrate legitimate pleasures within God's boundaries while resisting illegitimate imitations?

Interlinear Text

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