

Proverbs 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Analysis

Her house is the way to Sheol, descending to chambers of death. The Hebrew 'sheowl' (grave/death/underworld) and 'maweth' (death) describe final destination. Sexual sin's path descends progressively deeper into destruction. It's not lateral movement but downward spiral. Each step leads lower until arriving at death's chambers. The path seems pleasurable but terminates in destruction. Proverbs 5:5 similarly warns: 'Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.'

Historical Context

Sheol in Old Testament represents death, grave, underworld - place of departed dead. While theological understanding developed through Scripture, Proverbs uses Sheol to indicate death and destruction. Sexual sin's endpoint is comprehensive death - spiritual, relational, potentially physical. Sixteenth-century syphilis epidemics and modern STDs demonstrate literal death consequences. Spiritual and relational death remain constant.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does viewing sexual temptation as path to 'death' affect your evaluation of its appeal?
2. What progressive descent into destruction have you witnessed from seemingly innocent first steps?
3. What immediate exit from descending paths does wisdom require before reaching death's chambers?

Interlinear Text

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is the way	to hell	Her house	going down	H413	to the chambers	of death
H1870	H7585	H1004	H3381		H2315	H4194

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 5:5 (Parallel theme): Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Proverbs 9:18 (Parallel theme): But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

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

Ecclesiastes 7:26 (Parallel theme): And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.