

Proverbs 7:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

Analysis

The adulteress 'flattereth with her words'—Hebrew 'chalaq' means to make smooth or slippery. Flattery is deceptive speech designed to manipulate through false praise. From a Reformed perspective, this illustrates how sin appeals to pride and self-deception. The devil, like the adulteress, uses smooth words to make sin appear attractive and harmless. This warning applies beyond sexual sin to all forms of seduction away from God's truth—false teaching, worldly philosophies, and self-justifying rationalizations.

Historical Context

In patriarchal ancient Israel, the 'strange woman' often refers to foreign women who might lead Hebrew men into idolatry. Sexual immorality and spiritual apostasy were closely linked (Numbers 25:1-3).

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Where in your life do you encounter 'smooth words' that attempt to justify what God forbids?

2. How can you develop discernment to recognize flattery's manipulative intent?
3. What role does community accountability play in protecting you from deceptive voices?

Interlinear Text

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