

# BOOK OF PROVERBS XI

## "Wicked Women"

Pr. 6:20-35; 5:1-23; 2:10, 11, 16

### I. THREE TYPES OF UNGODLY WOMEN IN PROVERBS

- A. Strange woman - harlot
- B. Evil woman - adulteress
- C. Foolish woman

### II. KEEP YOURSELF FROM THE EVIL WOMAN - Verses 27-35

- A. *"Can a man take fire in his bosom, and not be burned?"*
- B. Marital fidelity has no price tag--like virginity, once lost it can never be restored by paying a fine
- C. *"But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul." (v.32)*
- D. *"A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away." (v. 33)*
  - 1. When a man commits adultery, he sins against
    - a. His neighbor, his neighbor's wife, and himself--against his own body
- E. Why does Solomon take such a hard stand on resisting lust's appeal?
  - 1. The adulteress goes for "the precious life"
    - a. Loss of character, self-respect, others' respect
    - b. Loss of family
    - c. Loss of testimony
    - d. Loss of joy and peace
    - e. Smearing of name
    - f. Embarrassment to church
    - g. Possibility of disease
- F. Effects of adultery
  - 1. Against law of God
  - 2. Against mate (covenant)
  - 3. Sin against adulteress and her husband

### III. AVOID THE LIPS OF A STRANGE WOMAN - Pr. 5:1-14

- A. The lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil (v. 3)
- B. But her end is bitter as wormwood...
  - 1. End in destruction of soul and body
  - 2. Venereal disease and even death are the results

### IV. REJOICE WITH THE WIFE OF THY YOUTH - Pr. 5:15-23

### V. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - Pr. 31