



A Woman Who Fears The LORD . . .

Warns Against the Evil Women

(A Study on Proverbs 31)

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the queen mother gives her son, King Lemuel, a clear picture of A Woman Who Fears the LORD. But before she begins her utterance, she strongly warns her son, *Do not give your strength¹ to women nor your ways² to that which destroys kings*. She exhorts him not to waste his physical and sexual energy which are sapped and deprived by sensuality. He is not to surrender the control of his life to the influence of sinful women, who by their seductive manipulation and indulgence in pleasure, cause quarrels, give evil counsel, pervert good judgment, and ruin kings.

THEME SCRIPTURE

Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings (Proverbs 31:3).

MEMORY VERSE

Charm³ is deceitful and beauty is vain,⁴ but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised (Proverbs 31:30).

¹ strength: virtue, valor, wealth, efficiency, ability, force, army.

² ways: course of life; manner of living; moral character; conduct.

³ charm: favor, graciousness, kind, pleasant, precious.

⁴ vain: emptiness, transitory, unsatisfactory; fleeting, passing.

II. THE IMMORAL WOMAN

DESCRIBE the evil woman from the following Scriptures: What does God command? What is the warning?

Proverbs 5:3-6 _____

Proverbs 9:13-18 _____ ⁵

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Ecclesiastes 7:26 _____

⁵ simple: silly, naive, foolish, seducible.
⁶ depths of hell: Sheol, hades; the world of the dead, underworld, grave; a place of no return without praise of God; of extreme degradation of sin.

PERSONAL

Have you ever met someone with these characteristics? Have you ever had any of these? _____

III. A FATHER’S INSTRUCTION

READ Proverbs 6:20 – 29.

1. What is a person to do with God’s Commands taught by parents and godly instructors (vv. 20, 21)?

2. Why is the Law and the Command of God crucial to your life (vv. 22, 23)? _____

3. Who does God command men to stay away from (vv. 24, 25)? _____

4. What are the severe consequences of a person who succumbs to the flattering tongue of a seducer (vv. 26-29)?

IV. KING SOLOMON'S TEACHINGS ON THE IMMORAL WOMAN

READ Proverbs 7.

1. What did the king teach his son about keeping God's Commands (vv. 1-5)? Why? _____

2. What did the king see from his window (vv. 6-9)? _____

3. DESCRIBE the woman that met the simple young man (vv. 10-12)? _____

4. What did this evil woman do to seduce the young man (vv. 13-18)? _____

5. What did she say about her husband (vv. 19, 20)? _____

6. What was she able to entice him to do with her flattering lips (vv. 21-23)? _____

What were the devastating effects on his life? _____

7. What strong warnings does King Solomon leave his son with (vv. 24-27)? _____

PERSONAL

What devastating effects have you experienced or witnessed from an immoral relationship as described in this study?

How have you seen a person restored who has suffered the shattering consequences of immorality?

*Who can find a virtuous⁷ woman?
For her price is far above rubies.*

Proverbs 31:10

⁷ virtuous: woman of valor; worth, excellence, noble character, and strength.

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