

Proverbs - Chapter 7

The Immoral Woman In this seventh chapter of Solomon's lesson to his son, we return to the subject of sexual immorality. In this case, Solomon relates a incident which he observed personally involving a young man and a married woman.

1. In verse 4, Solomon instructs us to call wisdom our sister. What do you think is the significance of this? Have we seen wisdom personified as a woman elsewhere in Proverbs?
2. The text refers to this man as a youth with no sense. What does the imagery in verses 8-9 tell you about his state of mind?
3. The woman comes out deliberately searching for the man (or perhaps one like him). The Hebrew in her statement (verse 14) mentions religious vows and is complicated to translate. Consult a few translations and provide some possible explanations of why she says this to the man.
4. While the youth believes the encounter will cost him money, what does Solomon reveal it will actually cost him?
5. In verses 24-27, Solomon unmasks the monster that this woman truly is. How do we teach our youth about the danger of judging by external appearances?