

- 15 Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from your own well.
- 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
- 17 Let them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.
- 19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.
- 20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that marriage is like water for our spiritual life and must be kept pure.

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Proverbs 5 verses 15-20. These are God's words. Drink water from your own cistern. And running water from your own well. Should your fountains be dispersed to Broad streams of water in the streets? Let them be only your own. Not for strangers with you.

Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you at all times and always be enraptured with her love. For why should you my son? Being raptured by an immoral woman. And be embraced.

In the arms of a sin, doctors, So far, the It's inspired and denerrant, word of God. Well, he has been warning about committing adultery. So this is a good week. For us to have this. Passage since Sophia. Is teaching us or is reminding us that the seventh commandment teaches us?

To be pure in heart language and conduct. That even the heart and the speech. That are for a husband and a wife together. are to be kept, only for the husband, or only for the wife. It's true that that's that's the case with the conduct as well.

But, Those ways of thinking and feeling or speaking. That would be wrong for Daddy. To speak to anyone else, but mommy to any other woman than mommy. A man, or Must not speak or a boy. Must not speak or think that way. About a girl. Or to a girl.

And those ways that mom should only ever feel about Daddy and it would be wrong for Mom to feel about another man. no girl. Should let herself feel that way about a boy. And certainly, of course, no wife should feel that way about a man. That is not her husband.

Now, you must wait till you're betrothed for those things. Because, God has been so generous. Can you imagine how wealthy you would be? To own your own cistern and your own well. And not have to. Use the community. Well, not just a cistern. Suppose, anyone could, Dr. Could dig a cistern if you.

The right sort of property for that. But oh well everyone has a well that doesn't dry up. These streams of water, these fountains of water. See how God has. Blessed each one to have his own wife. Each woman to have her own husband and not to have any other one they shouldn't share with anyone.

This is why it's right. For a husband to be jealous, not to have a continual suspicious Spirit of jealousy. But to desire that his wife only think that way. Speak that way. Act that way with him. And by a wife is is right to desire, that her husband only feel that way about her.

Only speak that way to her only act, that way. With her. Because we have each been assigned. Our own special one from God and therefore, We must not turn our attention to another. And he asks, should your fountains be dispersed to Broad streams of water in the streets? Why has God given Each man, his own wife and each wife, each woman, her own husband.

If they do get married, if they don't get married, they mustn't, take someone who isn't theirs, of course, or feel, or speak or act this way with someone who isn't theirs. Well, in part so that they will help one another To glorify God and enjoy him forever. This was the first purpose of marriage.

Good Genesis chapter 2. When God says, it is not good for the man to be alone and he makes the wife suitable to him. for the purpose of enjoying, the good things that God has put in that special place that he made for the man that covenantal place in the garden.

And for the man's special duties. in, in the garden with the animals and glorifying God. It wasn't good for the man to be alone. And so the fruitfulness of our life unto God. Is something that has helped by a pure marriage. A faithful marriage. And how we destroy.

Our glorifying. God, how we destroy our enjoying God? If we are impure. In our marriages. Or for you? That impurity would be if you did the boyfriend or girlfriend thing, which, of course you can't do. At least not publicly. But it sneaks up on your heart because you have The same sin in your heart.

That anyone else does you have original sin, too? And so you must Swatch against Those feelings of infatuation of singling out. you are not yet betrothed. Betrothal, when you've made that contract to get married, that's the time. When you stir up those affections, that's the time. when you start feeling and thinking that way, When you start speaking that way.

But being careful. That you not put yourself in situations where you would be free to act that way. Because that must be saved for after the covenanting of the wedding. And so, It's not just that boyfriend and girlfriend, is, is something that We want to stay away for because it would lead us into sin.

No. the dipping into A cistern or a? Well, that was designed for to help you flourish in your life, like water gives life. In a well that has not been given to you by God in the Covenant of marriage. It causes the Waters of your life to be dispersed and so both for the purpose of glorifying and enjoying God which was the first purpose of marriage in Genesis 2 and after he brings him the wife and he's done singing the first song in the history of creation.

This at last as or at last bone on my bone, flashing my flesh, Etc or wow. As we have sometimes translated that first particle in the Hebrew. What happens with the man and the woman? Well God turns to them and he says be fruitful and multiply well, Thank God for his wisdom in giving the wife first and then giving them the command, be fruitful multiply because a man couldn't do that by himself.

But it's not just multiply numerically is it? It's multiply image bearers. Malachi tells us that God was furious with, unfaithfulness In the Israelite marriages. Because it was preventing the production of Godly seed. So unfaithfulness not only Destroys damages, your ability to glorify God and enjoy him. It also damages your ability to raise Godly seed unto the Lord.

And godly seed within the Covenant. People then becomes this Godly Heritage where we are taught to think multi-generationally and And to be mindful, not just of the Earthly and physical welfare, but especially of the spiritual welfare of our grandchildren and our great, great grandchildren. Well, of course, the great greats as well, and so on.

And so he says, Now should your fountains be dispersed? Across broad streams of water in the streets. of course, it would lose its ability. If you took this good water that you had and you threw it at anyone in the street. you wouldn't be able to use it for all of the good purposes for which you needed.

Good water for your own family for your own life. For your own house. And so he says Delight in your wife. Let your fountain be blessed. And rejoice with the wife of your youth. So that A particular marriage that the Lord has assigned to you that particular wife that the Lord has assigned to you.

Rejoice with her. There is an implication here that you should desire to get married young. The wife of your youth is a good thing. But there's a much stronger instruction here, isn't there that you should continue to increasingly enjoy? The wife that you married, young or the husband that you married young That we must not let familiarity take the enjoyment.

Of one's wife or one's husband away or diminish it but to maintain it. And to continue to Rejoice even when you're no longer young. The implication in verse 18 is that you would still be rejoicing when you are no longer young. As a loving deer, and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times.

Now, this is not talking about physical nourishment. They did not milk deer or dough, But, Just as if you're gonna see a deer, if you're gonna see a doe out in nature, you would have to be very secluded. If there are other people around doing things, you know, the deer would startle And run away.

If you want to enjoy the beauty, It has to be in private. this is saying and it takes one of those parts. That is a woman's nakedness. And should not be uncovered and should not be outlined so that the particular form of that particular woman is is visible to anyone.

But her husband Oh, but her husband? He should Delight in and enjoy. The form of his wife, because it's her form. And she should be graceful to him and lovely to him. And should be enjoyed in private. Always being raptured with her love A husband should be ready to receive affection from his wife.

This means not only that. He keep his affections inclined towards her. And that, he not turn his affections towards other women. But it also means. Like keeping short accounts and not harboring, bitterness? And not holding grudges. Not indulging in the kind of thinking or relating. That creates an emotional distance and makes him unwilling to receive her affection.

And also, of course. A wife with her husband as well, although the instruction for well, for all 31 chapters. But for the first 30 chapters is particularly addressed to the man. And then much of chapter 31, is addressed to him about what kind of woman but still addressed to him.

And this faithful. Rejoicing. Private delighting. giving and receiving affection. Method. Is God's design for keeping us? From being enraptured by the immoral woman. Or embraced in the arms. Of a seductress. And so, spilling out onto the street. All of the benefits for which marriage was given like water.

For. Benefits for being enabled to glorify and enjoy God. Well, Benefits for being enabled. To raise up a Godly seed. This is so important. As far as what you do in this world and what you leave behind, there is nothing so important as glorifying and enjoying God and leaving behind a Godly seat.

There is nothing as important Earthly speaking. Temporally speaking. As maintaining your marriage. And that starts with, Preserving yourself. Thought affection word. Thought affection word. For your future marriage. Well, may the Lord. help us. To do that. So that May the Lord help us to do that. So that

Our hearts and Minds. Will be. All the more helped to think upon Christ. And how our whole life belongs entirely to him. And to love his church, which is his own bride. And as those who love him, And love his church with the love that we have for him.

That we would also consider her beautiful. And consider her necessary for our life. Even as we look to him as the husband who gives us all of our life, And with whom, We will be covenanted forever. Even after these Earthly and temporary marriages are finished. Amen, let's pray. Our gracious.

God in our heavenly father, we thank you for marriage. Not only as this glorious parable of Christ in the church. All we look forward to having been perfected. Being members of the glorified bride on the day of her wedding. But we thank you for marriage and its purposes in each of our lives and we thank you for this warning.

And we pray that you would help us to heed it. Oh forgive us O Lord. For every impure. Thought and misplaced affection. Help us to. Keep even what dear Sophia is learning in her children's. Catechism question this week. And Grant your blessing upon. your spirit's work that not only would we be pure for the sake of the seventh, commandment But that we would be enabled to glorify you and enjoy you.

And raise up and leave a Godly seat. So please help us. We pray in Jesus name, amen.