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King James Version
Proverbs 5

5 ¹ My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:
² That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. ³ For
the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smother
than oil: ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. ⁵ Her
feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. ⁶ Lest thou shouldest ponder the
path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. ⁷ Hear me
now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
⁸ Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: ⁹ Lest
thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: ¹⁰ Lest strangers
be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; ¹¹ And
thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, ¹² And say,
How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; ¹³ And have not
obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
¹⁴ I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. ¹⁵ Drink
waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶ Let
thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. ¹⁷ Let them
be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. ¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and
rejoice with the wife of thy youth. ¹⁹ Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant
roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her
love. ²⁰ And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and
embrace the bosom of a stranger? ²¹ For the ways of man are before the eyes of
the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. ²² His own iniquities shall take the
wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. ²³ He shall die
without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

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