

Armor of Light

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Proverbs 6:20-35

The wisdom of sexual faithfulness in marriage is described in Proverbs 5 before the foolishness of lust and adultery appears in chapter 6. To ignore this counsel causes severe distress, just as a person walking on hot coals ends up with scorched feet.

Two images describe the father's instruction to his son: "For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light" (6:23). In Scripture, a lamp often represents guidance, and a light signifies truth that leads to life. The words of caution concerning sexual sin can be like a streetlight on a dark deserted road.

The Israelites had long used signs on doorposts and gates to remind themselves to love God completely (Deuteronomy 6:4—9). In the context of sexual temptation, the writer of Proverbs urged that the commands be internalized; "Bind them always on your heart" (6:21). A heart full of God's love leaves no room for "lust in your heart" (v. 25).

In a world saturated with unholy distractions, the light of God's Word provides wisdom, guidance, and life.

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