

# *Proverbs 5*

*New American Standard Bible (NASB)*

- 1 My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding;
- 2 That you may observe discretion and your lips may reserve knowledge.
- 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey and smoother than oil is her speech;
- 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 Her feet go down to death, her steps take hold of Sheol.
- 6 She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it.
- 7 Now then, my sons, listen to me and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8 Keep your way far from her and do not go near the door of her house,
- 9 Or you will give your vigor to others and your years to the cruel one;
- 10 And strangers will be filled with your strength and your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien;
- 11 And you groan at your final end, when your flesh and your body are consumed;
- 12 And you say, "How I have hated instruction! and my heart spurned reproof!
- 13 "I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
- 14 "I was almost in utter ruin in the midst of the assembly and congregation."
- 15 Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well.
- 16 Should your springs be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets?
- 17 Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth.