

# The Strange Woman

Many scriptures in Proverbs talk about the strange woman. See Proverbs 2:10-19; 5:3-6; 6:23-29; and 7:4-27.

These verses do not present a pretty picture but there are many lessons here for us to learn about our relationships with our husbands and our relationships with the Lord. These lessons are also good for the older women as Titus 2:3-5 instructs aged women to teach the younger women to love their husbands. Many times in the Old Testament, God uses the picture of a harlot to show how the Children of Israel left the one true God to serve and worship idols and other gods. See Jeremiah 3. This analogy is also used in the New Testament.

Who are called adulterers and adulteresses in James 4:4? \_\_\_\_\_

Let us look at some characteristics of the strange woman and be warned of the dangers to our relationships .

1. **What is her speech like?** \_\_\_\_\_ Read Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24 and 7:21

Psalm 12:1-4 What does God think of this kind of speech?

1 Thess. 2:3-5, Psalm 19:14 What should be our goal with our speech?

2. **What has she forsaken?** \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 2:17

Eph. 6:1-3, Prov 23:22 When should we honour our parents?

Jeremiah 2:27, 3:4, Ps. 32:8 Why should we let God guide us?

3. **What has she forgotten?** \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 2:17

Psalm 78:1-11, 34-37 What is the parents' responsibility here?

1 Corinthians 11:25 and 6:20, Psalm 103:17-18 How was God's covenant with us made?

4. **What is she dressed in?** \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 7:10

1 Tim. 2:9, Deut. 22:5 What are some requirements God gives for how we dress?

Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 3:4 How has God clothed us?

5. **What is her character like?** \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 7:11a

1 Thess. 4:11, 1 Peter 3:4, Eph. 5:21,22 What should our character be like?

Psalm 46:10a What is a benefit of quietness?

6. **Where does she spend her time?** \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 7:11

Titus 2:5, Prov. 5:19 Where should we spend our time?

Psalm 122:1, Heb. 10:25 In what other place does God want us to spend time?

**In summary;**

Our relationship with our husbands: Prov.31:11-12

Our relationship with our God: Titus 2:11-14, Psalm 73:25-28

