

# CORDS OF HIS SINS

## PROVERBS 5:21-23

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Introduction:

This chapter deals mainly with the subject of purity.

- Verses 1-14 deal with fleshly lust and strange women
- Verses 15-23 deal with faithfulness in marriage

It's verse 21 -23 that we will consider for our message this evening.

Read Text Proverbs 5:21-23

I draw your attention to four thoughts to consider from these verses.

# 1. THE COURSE – THE WAYS OF MAN

## **Proverbs 5:21**

<sup>21</sup>For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

Life is made up of choices, we choose who or what we will give preeminence to.

The ways before us are not programmed, they must be chosen.

- The way of salvation
- The way of righteousness
- The way which seemeth right unto man

In order to choose right we need God's wisdom and determination to follow His Word.

# 2. THE CONTEMPLATION – EYES OF THE LORD

## **Proverbs 5:21**

<sup>21</sup>For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

Whether they are public or private, God sees all the steps we take in life.

### **Proverbs 15:3**

<sup>3</sup>The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

#### **A. Beholding the Evil**

- This should strike terror in the hearts of the sinner.
- God keeps a record

### **Revelation 20:12**

<sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

- God looks upon the heart

### **1 Samuel 16:7**

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

#### **B. Beholding the Good**

- This should encourage Christians to follow after righteousness
- This should encourage commitment to service

## **Romans 12:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- This should be a source of comfort to the righteous

## **3. THE CONSTRAINT – THE CORD OF HIS SIN**

### **Proverbs 5:22**

<sup>22</sup> His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Most people who follow unlawful pleasures, think they can give them up whenever they please; but sin repeated becomes customary; custom soon produces habit; and habit in the end brings a necessity; the man becomes bound with his own cords, and so is led captive by the devil at his will.

Illustration – Samson

Notice the steps that took Samson to a blinded condition

The road to Samson’s constraint was a road that never had to be traveled. God had given him power and position in Israel, and Samson had squandered it all just

to gratify the lusts of his flesh. He wanted to live his life on his own terms and he paid a high price for his rebellion

- It was a road of Disobedience

When Samson's birth was announced, his parents were told that he was to be a Nazarite.

The "Law of the Nazarite" is found in Num. 6:1-21. Basically, a Nazarite was to be a person set apart for the Lord.

- 1.) Nazarites were not to cut their hair.
- 2.) They were to refrain from drinking wine or strong drink, or from eating anything that grew upon a vine.
- 3.) They were to avoid all contact with dead bodies.

We have no record of Samson cutting his own hair; Delilah took care of that for him. We have no record that Samson ever partook of "the fruit of the vine". But, there is plenty of evidence that Samson violated his Nazarite vow by contact with dead bodies, Judges 14:6, 8-9. Samson refused to keep the letter of Law and it cost him his life and his ministry.

### **Judges 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his

hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

### **Judges 14:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. <sup>9</sup> And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

- It was a road of Disappointment

Just reading through the life of Samson, it becomes quickly apparent that he was a spoiled brat. He wanted what he wanted and he wanted it right then, Judges 14:1-3. He failed to tell his parents when he gave them honey he had taken out of the carcass of a dead lion, 14:9. Samson enjoyed riddles, 14:12-14; 16:1-17. He was not above carrying out some destructive mischief either, 15:3-5.

Samson had much potential as a judge, but he failed to live up to that potential because he was so selfish and self-centered. He was a disappointment because he never became all that he could have.

- It was a road of Depravity

One of Samson's main problems was a bad case of "female trouble". He liked the ladies and that is what did him in. III. Samson married outside of the nation of

Israel, Judges 14:1-3; He even sought out a harlot, Judges 16:1.

### **Judges 14:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup> And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. <sup>3</sup> Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

### **Judges 16:1**

<sup>1</sup> Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

In the end, it was his trouble with women that caused Samson to be destroyed. His passions overcame his reason and he fell. Samson was an incredibly strong man. He killed 1,000 men at one time. He carried away the gates of a city. He overcame his captors. He broke bonds and did many amazing thing. But, in spite of his physical prowess, Samson was powerless against his flesh. He was not deceived; he sinned with his eyes open

- It was a road of Disaster

Samson's life was one disaster after another. His parents were broken hearted. His family was humiliated. His wife was given to another man. The

name of God and the testimony of Israel were damaged in the eyes of the heathen. Samson suffered what he did in the end because of how he lived his life

It was a road the led to his Death

### **Judges 16:23-30**

<sup>23</sup> Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. <sup>24</sup> And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us. <sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars. <sup>26</sup> And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. <sup>27</sup> Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. <sup>28</sup> And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. <sup>29</sup> And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. <sup>30</sup> And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.



## **4. THE CONCLUSION – HE SHALL DIE WITHOUT INSTRUCTION**

Because they refused instruction for it is the means of wisdom and repentance. But they refused and rejected it in health and life and at death it's too late.

This is the close of what could have been a shining light and the perfect day.

### **Proverbs 4:18**

<sup>18</sup> But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.