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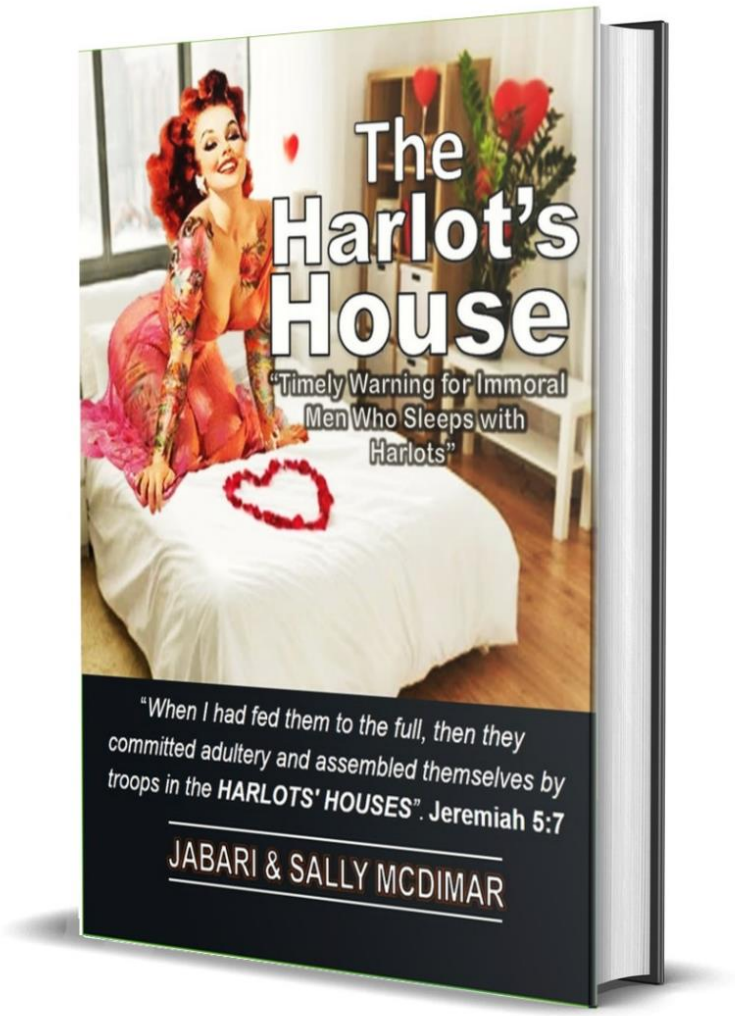
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INTRODUCTION



THE GREATEST THREAT to our Christian walk and marriage is having an affair with Harlots, or what is known today as Prostitutes. In this book, when I use the word Harlot or Prostitute, I am referring to the same trade.

Hosea 4: 11,12 AMP says, "*Prostitution, wine, and new wine take away the mind and the [spiritual] understanding. My people consult their [lifeless] wooden idol, and their [diviner's] wand gives them oracles. For a spirit of prostitution has led them astray [morally and spiritually], and they have played the prostitute, withdrawing themselves from their God*".

The spirit of harlotry or prostitution is a subtle spirit that operates a two-fold dimension:

The Religious Dimension – It leads people astray from the worship of the [*Creator*] God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, into idolatry (*the worship or unnecessary veneration of created things, whether spirits, humans, images, or objects*), which God sees as spiritual adultery. (See Ezekiel 16:31-34)

The Sexual Dimension – It lures people to commit prostitution, adultery, and fornication, whether for some kind of gain [*especially financial or political gain*] or the mere pleasure of it. The spirit of harlotry causes, suggests, and encourages people to disobey God's sexual laws which forbid any kind of sexual

immorality. This spirit is very subtle; therefore, it takes a very keen discernment to know when someone is possessed or influenced by this spirit.

Our focus is going to be on the second dimension of this spirit (*the sexual dimension*). This is because a lot of people [*even some Christians*] are possessed or influenced by this spirit and are made to habitually fall into sexual sins.

"How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these things, the deeds of a brazen harlot.' – Ezekiel 16:30

The spirit of harlotry is the hideous influence behind many television shows, movies, and music videos that show sexual images and nude pictures or use sexual language. Wherever these are permitted, the spirit behind it is being given permission to operate freely, and if it finds someone very open to it, it possesses that person and fills his mind with lustful thoughts which will then propel him or her to live a sexually immoral life.

Although this spirit might allow its victims/agents to attend church services, yet it keeps them wallowing in sexual sins, thus pulling them farther away from walking with God, knowing Him, and obeying Him.

'Their [immoral] practices will not permit them to return to their God, for the spirit of prostitution is within them and they do not know the LORD [they do not recognize, appreciate, heed or cherish Him].' – Hosea 5:4 AMP.

Just because you love God doesn't mean you are not capable of infidelity or adultery.

Sexual urge is a dangerous thing, it is a fire that can awaken your flesh and silence your spirit. It can easily cancel all the years of character-building you have been doing. The sexual urge can check-in and turn you into a selfish person forgetting about God, your family, and your vision. At that time, you only think about that sexual pleasure. Pastors, leaders, role models, mentors have fallen prey to this sexual urge. Don't be next.

Jesus Christ described our generation today as *evil* and *adulterous generation* (Matthew 12:39). And what God called *evil*, we rename it as *pleasurable acts*.

An anonymous author said, "*Prostitutes have very improperly been styled women of pleasure; they are women of pain, or sorrow, of grief, of bitter and continual repentance*". This anonymous quote describes the suffering of women who sell their bodies. But, what of the men who buy sex?

For example, why would a married man visit a prostitute or a "*call girl*" and pay money for sex when his wife is available at home?

We are told in Joshua 2:1 "*And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an HARLOT'S HOUSE, named Rahab, and lodged there*".

The spies sent by Joshua went to the *harlot's house* – not because of LUST, but because of LODGING. By receiving and hiding Godly men, she and her household were saved. Hebrew 11: 31. We aren't told who the two spies are, but Jewish tradition – speculation, says they were faithful Caleb and the High Priest Eliezer.

Can we still find faithful men today who can lodge accidentally in a harlot's house without sleeping with her? How many Apostles and Bishops can obey God to visit the Harlots and preach without being tempted to sleep with them? If such Spies can be sent in our days and they happen to lodge in the House of a Harlot, I wonder how many spiritual spies can overcome.

When Jesus met a Harlot at a well, He turns her into an Evangelist. But, it's so sad today that many families can't trust their Pastor or church elders to be in the same room with their daughters.

I believe God is raising the last remnant of men who are "*not defiled with women; for they are virgins*". Godly men who will "*follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes*" because they are "*redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb*". Revelation 14:4. These are men who will touch the hearts of Harlots and lead them to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

But what happens when men who are married or single, sleeps in Harlot's Houses? Are there spiritual implications? Yes, there are. The Harlot's House is the abode of the dead and her guests are in the depths of hell. Prov. 9: 18. Her heart

is snares and nets, and her hands as chains. Only men who please God shall escape from her traps, but the sinner shall be taken by her. Eccl. 7: 26. She is clamorous and sits at the corner of her house and in the street to call on the passengers. Men who lack understanding go after her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hastes to the snare, and knows not that it is for his life. Prov. 7:22-27. For she has cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 5:3-5 says, "*For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her seductive words are smoother than olive oil, but in the end, she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave*".

Join me as we dig deeper into the dangers of visiting Harlot's Houses and sleeping with Harlots.

Chapter One



THE HARLOT'S TRADE

HARLOTRY IS OFTEN REFERRED to as the "*oldest profession*." Indeed, it has always been a common way for women to make money, even in Bible times.

Who is a Harlot or Prostitute?

Harlotry is the practice of indiscriminate sexual intercourse for payment or religious purposes. The Hebrew word *zenut*, applied to both common and sacred harlotry, is also often used metaphorically.

The Bible tells us that prostitution is immoral. Proverbs 23:27-28 says, "*For a prostitute is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. Like a bandit, she lies in wait, and multiplies the unfaithful among men*."

Prostitution is one of the oldest forms of dishonest gain in the world. We always hear about women prostitutes, but there are even male prostitutes as well. Scripture tells us that they will not enter into Heaven.

1 Corinthians 6:9 "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind*".

Prostitution has become so huge that it has even gone online. Craigslist and Back Page are considered online street corners for prostitutes.

Christians are told to stay away from this sinful lifestyle because it is immoral, illegal, and very dangerous.

1 Corinthians 6:18 "*Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committed fornication sins against his own body*".

Your body is God's temple and God did not make us defile our body in any way.

Going to a prostitute is just as bad as being a prostitute. James 1:15 "*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire*". Stay clear of sexual immorality.

Both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament assume that prostitution is an institution that's taking place. So, there's knowledge of prostitution in the context of the Hebrew Bible and there's knowledge of prostitution in the context of the New Testament. And in both cases, I would suggest that neither the Hebrew Bible nor the New Testament calls the institution as a whole into question. Certain women are told that they should not become prostitutes, that they should not be prostitutes; I'm thinking particularly here of laws in Deuteronomy in the Sinai covenant material suggesting that free daughters of Israel should not become prostitutes or should not prostitute themselves; but that doesn't mean that other people can't be prostitutes, people who are not in the

Israelite community. The wonderful story of Rahab assumes that a Canaanite woman is a prostitute and the whole story of the entrance into Jericho and Joshua's spies scoping out the land depends on this friendly prostitute Rahab allowing them access into her home and helping them.

Similarly, in the New Testament where we would have had a different set of customs and legal provisions around issues of prostitution, there's also a recognition that prostitution is part of the culture within which the followers of Jesus are living. And there are instructions to the followers of Jesus, for example, not to visit prostitutes—which suggests there are prostitutes around. Another thing about prostitutes in the New Testament is, particularly in the example of the Pauline letters, there are no provisions for the prostitutes themselves. Prostitution in the Roman period was legal and taxed in cities throughout the Roman Empire and many of the prostitutes that we know of from tax receipts, for example, were slaves and so clearly weren't making decisions about whether or not they should be prostitutes and yet, there's a strong condemnation of visiting prostitutes and of prostitutes themselves within the context of the Pauline corpus.

One thing, to me, that's interesting about Paul's response to prostitution is that his concern is not with the prostitutes themselves but, in fact, with members of the community visiting prostitutes. So, the strong warning that comes from Paul is don't visit the prostitutes; if you mingle your body with the body of a prostitute you have mingled the body of

Christ with the body of the prostitute, given Paul's idea that the followers of Jesus form the body of Christ.

God forbids involvement with prostitutes because He knows such involvement is detrimental to both men and women. "*For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; But in the end, she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell*" (Proverbs 5:3-5).

Prostitution not only destroys marriages, families, and lives, but it destroys the spirit and soul in a way that leads to physical and spiritual death. God desires that we stay pure and use our bodies as tools for His use and glory (Romans 6:13). First Corinthians 6:13 says, "*The body is not for sexual immorality but the Lord, and the Lord for the body*."

An anonymous author said, "*Prostitute: A Lady who sells her body to those who have sold their morals*."

Proverbs 22:14 "*The mouth of an adulterous woman is a deep pit; a man who is under the LORD's wrath falls into it*".

Proverbs 23:27-28 "*for a prostitute is like a deep pit; a harlot is like a narrow well. Indeed, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men*".

Proverbs 2:15-16 "*Whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways. Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words*".

Chapter Two



IN THE HARLOT'S HOUSES

"*When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the* ***harlots' houses***". Jer. 5:7

THERE IS A SAD REVELATION of the moral condition of Jerusalem in the days of the prophet that is similar to the moral decay of today. Such corruption amongst husbands who had such religious privileges, and in the very scene where the temple stood, shows the wonderful forbearance of God and the terrible perversity of the human heart!

God says, "*When I fed them to the full, they then committed adultery*." Prosperity is the gift of God, designed to lead men to Him, but these men used the blessings of God and lavish it at every joint with prostitutes, etc. When they were single and poor, they asked God to blessed them with a job and He did. They again asked Him for a good wife and He gave them. They went through several trials and temptation but stick together. With her influence, wisdom, and encouragement, they labored immensely and God blessed them with great wealth.

Then the man detoured, spend the family hard earn wealth with harlots and wine. Now that he has wealth, the man is no longer available at home for the evening altar prayers. He

comes home drunk, saturated with the smell of a strange woman, and some time spends the night at the Harlot's House. And some of the men even buy a house for a harlot, furnish it and give her a car or anything he might never dream of giving his wife. He travels with escorts (*beautiful harlots*) to different continental hotels, to the best shopping malls, and even flies abroad with them. While his wife is there at home like an incubator or baby factory and taking care of the entire domestic works. The *Sweet Husband* suddenly becomes the *Sweat Homebound*. He spends his leisure time with immoral women and friends instead of his family and wife. He squandered family resources and finances and has no plan for the future.

Proverbs 6:26 states, "*For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life*". This proverb can be summed up in a few words, "*Illicit sexual relations are very costly!*" The fact is men have been "*reduced to poverty*" in paying for prostitutes, and in cases of adultery men have even "*lost their life*" (*by the hand of an outraged husband*).

Proverbs 6: 32-3 HBSC noted, "*The one who commits adultery lacks sense; whoever does so destroys himself.* [33] *He will get a beating and dishonor, and his disgrace will never be removed.* [34] *For jealousy enrages a husband, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.* [35] *He will not be appeased by anything or be persuaded by lavish gifts*".

The second case is spoken of again in Proverbs 29:3, "*Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but a companion of harlots WASTES HIS WEALTH.*" Whoever loves wisdom makes

his father rejoice: Children of any age bring happiness to their parents when they love and live wisdom. It gives the parents a justified pride in their children and gives peace about their children's future.

A companion of harlots wastes his wealth: This is one example of a foolish life, someone who chooses harlots and others of low character as their companions. This fool wastes his wealth on the harlots and other similar interests, showing they are the opposite of the one who loves wisdom.

The third case is seen in the next few verses, "*Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes into his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.*" (Proverbs 6:27-29). To have relations with another man's wife is "*playing with fire!*"

We could end our meditation right there, but I would add a few more verses that show that sexual immorality may not only lead to "*physical death*," but also to "*eternal death*." Consider the following: "*For her (the harlot's) house leads down to death and her paths to the dead…Her feet go down to death, her steps LAY HOLD OF HELL…for she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the WAY TO HELL, descending to the chambers of death*" (Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 7:26-27). A man may be so addicted to immoral sex that he gives no thought to his never-dying soul and where he will spend eternity. After he dies the "*first death*" (physical death); he will then experience the "*second death*" in the lake of fire (see Revelation 20:14; 21:8)

Chapter Two



WELL-FED LUSTY STALLIONS

"*When I had fed them to the full, Then they committed adultery And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were like well-fed lusty stallions; Every one* ***neighed*** *after his* ***neighbor's wife****. Shall I not punish them for these things?" says the LORD. "And shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this*? Jer. 5: 7-9

GOD SAYS, THE ADULTERERS are like well-fed lusty stallions. Whenever they wake up in the morning, the first thing they think of is WINE and SEX. *"In the morning*" is a phrase for unceasing eagerness in any pursuit; such was the men's avidity after loosed women. They wake up in the morning and continually wander to and fro, inflamed with lust seeking for the next prey. Some of them even enter into the temple of God and lewd innocent girls or widows promising to marry them, but only to defile and abandoned them.

"*Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!*" Isa 5:11

Why did God compare such men to a stallion? Stallions are male Horses known for their powerful sexual proclivity and

mindless obedience to their instincts; they are very strong, sexually active, and can't restrain themselves when they sighted a female. Once stallions sighted a Mare, they become insane with lust until they have sex with her. Verse 8 says,

"*Everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife*" like the Stallions. Neigh is from the Hebrew word *tsahal*, meaning "*to cry aloud*": Figuratively used *to* indicate lustful desire. Neighing is the whinnying sounds a male horse makes when he desires a female.

"*I have seen thine adulteries, and thy* ***neighings****, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?*" Jer. 13:27

God is saying that those men were lusting after women who were not their wives as stallion neighing over a Mare (*female animals*). In such a manner, some men pursued their promiscuity. They even use drugs to be extra strong so they can have multiple ejaculations like Stallions. They also use drugs to enlarge their penises and increase their testosterone.

And women who have slept with such sexually perverted men might never be satisfied with ONE HUSBAND, especially with men who have normal sex drives. Marrying those kinds of women is inviting sexual troubles on your marital bed. I have counseled several women who complained that their husband's penises are too small because they were used to having men with penises as big as a stallion who penetrated them. Their vaginas have been extra enlarged beyond the

normal capacity and are now affected by the remembrances of all their past lovers.

For example, Ezekiel 23:20 speaks of a whore who lusts after men that have penises as big as donkeys and who ejaculate as much as horses. "*whose flesh (penis) is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue (semen) is like the issue of horses*".

Another example of a Stallion was Judah in Genesis 38:15, who was a great disgrace to God that he hastily desired intercourse with an unknown woman whom he saw from afar. He was now old; and therefore age alone, even in a lascivious man, ought to have restrained the fervor of intemperance. He sees the woman at a distance, and it might be that he was not captivated by her beauty. The lust kindles him as a stallion neighs when it smells a mare. Hence we gather, that the fear of God, or regard to justice and prosperity, cannot have flourished greatly in the heart of one who thus eagerly breaks forth to the indulgence of his passions. He is therefore set before us as an example, that we may learn how easily the lust of the flesh would break forth, and causes us to precipitate into adultery; let us mark, that the dishonor which Judah sustained in consequence of his incest, was a punishment divinely inflicted upon him.

Chapter Three



YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE

THE GREATEST TRIGGER for sexual urge is that neighbor within reach, within your view.

Look at King David in the Bible, a man after God's own heart, one whose writings form part of the Bible, the one many emulate singing "*When the Spirit of the Lord is upon my heart, I will dance as David danced*". King David was not only successful in battle, but also successful in leading his people. But despite all that, he fell for a neighbor.

It took him just a glance at his neighbor from the comfort of his roof. It only took his neighbor Bathsheba, innocently having a bath for his sexual urge to be triggered. Once it was triggered, he lusted after her, he imagined her, he schemed to get her, he absconded his duty in battle as King during the war, he used his power as King to get her in his courts and have sex with her, he plotted to cover it up, he killed an innocent man of integrity, Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba, just to protect himself and his lust.

What about you? Who is your neighbor? Who is that neighbor you are lusting after? Who is your trigger? Who is the neighbor that perhaps you are already having sex on the down-low? Is it your house help? Is it your spouse's friend?

Is it your married pastor? Is it your "*prayer partner*"? Is it your shopkeeper? Your Uber taxi driver? Your next-door neighbor who is married? Your fellow choir member yet you two are not a couple? Your married work colleague who you interact with from 8 to 5 but you see your spouse only for dinner then sleep? Your married gym mate who you check out wearing tights dripping with sweat?

Who is that neighbor you are checking out as she bends, as she walks, as he wears that fitting suit and you imagine how big his penis is, as he works and you lust after? Who is that neighbor that is making you lie, abscond your responsibilities, scheme, and destroy other people on your path to pleasure?

Are you coming home when your wife is not around so that you use your power as an employer to have sex with your house help? Are you lying to your husband you are working late just so that you have sex with your workmate?

Your neighbor is within reach. Sometimes, just like Bathsheba, your neighbor can be innocently going about his/her business but all you see is sex. Or, your neighbor can directly sexually pursue. Whatever the case, just because an opportunity to cheat and get an orgasm presents itself doesn't mean you take it. Options to be unfaithful will always be there wherever you go.

It is up to you to look the other way. Don't stare and drool over a Bathsheba. Unlike David, don't entertain the thought, don't be comfortable in your past victories and standing. No matter how principled you have been so far, how great a

partner you have been to the one you love, don't get confident in yourself. Always rely on the Holy Spirit, don't feed your flesh through your eyes and imaginations.

Fix your eyes on the one you love and are committed to. Be faithful to the neighbor you share your marriage bed with your spouse.

Jeremiah said, "*Everyone neighed after his NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE"* Jer. 5: 8. Who is your neighbor's wife? Let's answer that question.

The word "*neighbor*" is from the Hebrew *amith*, *meaning* "a friend, inhabitant"; the Revised Version margin used "townsman". The Law of Moses declared, "*Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself*", Lev 19:18 KJV. In this verse the term "*neighbor*" is defined by the expression, "*the children of my people*". Here, and generally in the Old Testament, the term implies more than mere proximity; it means one related by the bond of nationality, a fellow-countryman, compatriot. Christ gives a wider interpretation of the commandment in Lev 19:18, to include in it those outside the tie of nation or kindred. This is done in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), where, in answer to the question, "*Who is my neighbor?*" Jesus shows that the relationship is a moral, not a physical one, based not on kinship only but the opportunity and capacity for mutual help.

Any woman you see is a potential wife for somebody. God designed every one woman for one man at a particular time. She belongs to somebody and if you are not the one, why are

you having sex with her? If she is unmarried now, it means that she will soon be married to her suitor. Refusing to have sex with her is part of loving your neighbor. The man who marries or will marry her is your neighbor and if you love your neighbor as Christ said, you will not defile his wife. The Old Testament says, "*The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death*". Lev 20:10-11 In the New Testament, death is not physical but spiritual.

We are told in James 2:8, "*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right*". Do you love your fellow countrymen by not defiling every woman in town? Why are you spreading the holy seed "sperm" everywhere? Don't you know you are defiling God's Covenant of Marriage and creating soul ties with them? You that defiled other women, how will you feel when you find out on your wedding day that your neighbor has defiled your wife to be? The

Golden Rule says, "*Do unto others what you want to be done unto you*". And Romans 13:9 says it all, "*The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself*".

Chapter Three



DO NOT COVET

"…*You shall not covet your neighbor's wife*". Exod. 20: 17

TO *COVET* MEANS TO strongly want something that someone else has. An example of "*covet"* is dreaming of owning the car that your neighbor drives. Covet means to desire something wrongfully. To inordinately want something that belongs to somebody else; yearning to possess or have (*something*).

The RULE: "*Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife…"* This is the tenth and last commandment, and is an explanation of several of the past; showing that the law of God not only forbids external acts of sin, but the inward and first motions of the mind to it, which are not known, and would not be thought to be sinful, were it not for this law; nor are they known by this law until the Spirit of God by it convinces men of them, in whose light they see them be sinful; even not only the schemes and contrivances of sin in the mind, the imaginations of it, thoughts dwelling upon it with pleasure, but even the first risings of sin in the heart; and such motions of it which are not assented unto, and unawares spring up from the corruption of nature and are sudden craving desires after unlawful things, even these are forbidden by this law;

which shows the spirituality of the law of God, and the impossibility of its being perfectly kept by fallen men.

"*Do not let thyself lust after thy neighbor's wife!"* This does not only mean a married woman but the female sex in general! And since it is clearly stated, "*Do not let thyself lust*!" the reference is mere to the sex drive, not to an honorable wooing!

You are commanded not to covet your neighbor's wife and wish she is yours, and lust after her; this is a breach of the seventh command, and serves to explain and illustrate that.

Ephesians 5:3 says, "*But among you, there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people*". And in verses 5, it says, "*For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a person is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*".

Solomon, out of experience said, "*Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? So is he who goes into his* ***neighbor's wife****; whoever* ***touches*** *her shall not be innocent*". Prov. 6:27-29

A fireplace is wonderful, warm, and beautiful to look at. But if the fire gets outside of the fireplace, it will burn your house down. That's the way your lust is. God made a fireplace; it's called marriage. God expects us to keep the fire in the fireplace. But if we let the fire out of the fireplace, it will burn our life up! That young girl you are spoiling will be your neighbor's wife someday. Whosoever touches her shall not

be innocent because he knows that he will not marry her but only want to have sex with her.

Will God not avenge such immoral acts among men? Surely, there are two consequences which shall follow the adulterers:

Burnt Clothes: Your garment of righteousness will be burnt, which means, your relationship with God will be truncated and the covering of His glory upon you will be taking away. You will then become an open target for all kinds of immoral spirits to take their abode in you.

Seared Feet: Your feet (*that which enable you to walk and fulfill destiny*) will be seared. To be "*seared*" means "*to be restricted, halted, suspended, interrupted, scorched, and freeze*". If you specialize in touching and having sex with your neighbor's wife (*women you know you will never marry*), your ability to "*walk*" and fulfill destiny will be restricted, halted, or interrupted. Things will begin to fall apart in your life, career, and business.

The scripture says, "*Whoever touches her shall not be innocent*". Let's look at the word "*touch*".

The Bible says "*it's not good for a man to touch a woman*", but it does not say it is wrong. The Corinthians had written to Paul asking a question about marriage in 1 Corinthians 7:1. The New King James Version captures the actual meaning of the Greek better than the NASB or the NIV.

"*Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality,*

let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control". 1 Cor. 7:1-5

First, we want to understand what the phrase "*to touch a woman*" means. The phrase "*to touch a woman*" is an idiom that referred to "*sexual relations*." The Greek word that Paul uses for "*to touch*" is APTO. It has the sense of "*touch*," "*cling*," and "*take hold of*." It also has the sense of "*light or kindle*" such as "*to kindle a fire*." It was also used to refer to sexual relations between a man and a woman. In short, "*apto*" can mean anything from a simple touch to having sexual relationships.

Next, we need to understand the context, it says, "*Do Not Touch*". So if we look at the next verse we see that it starts with "*Nevertheless*." This connects the thought of verse 1 with the next four verses where Paul talks about the need for men and women to be married to avoid sexual immorality.

Now we must ask, "*Is Paul making a statement that it is not good for a man to hold hands, hug or give an "occasional peck on the cheek" to a woman?*" The answer is "*no*" since verses 2 through 5 are about the need for a man and his wife to have regular sexual relations to avoid sexual sin. It appears Paul is responding to a statement from the Corinthians that said, "*It was good for a*

man not to touch a woman." Paul is disagreeing with that statement.

Paul goes on to warn husbands and wives to not deprive one another of sexual relations.

I once heard a preacher said, "*If you tolerate adultery, your children will be next*". And that is true. The following verse proof it: "*I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, for [the fathers and husbands] themselves go aside in order to be alone with women who prostitute themselves for gain, and they sacrifice at the altar with dedicated harlots [who surrender their chastity in honor of the goddess]. Therefore, the people without understanding shall stumble and fall and come to ruin*". Hosea 4: 14 AMPC

CEB version put it this way "*I will not punish your daughters because they act like prostitutes, nor your daughters-in-law because they commit adultery; for the men themselves visit prostitutes, and offer sacrifices with consecrated workers at temples; so now the people without sense must come to ruin*".

Are you a victim of them who have been enticed by immoral women? Have you been sleeping with Harlots and need deliverance? There is hope for you through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Word speaks to the depths of our sensual desire. Moral compromise is challenged by the truth of God's unwavering standard of holiness. The Bible offers words of wisdom and

instruction, prompting us to trust God for our deliverance from worldly desire.

When the Prodigal son in Luke chapter 15 gathered all his inheritance together and took his journey into a far country, he wasted his substance with riotous living and with Harlots. But when "*he came to himself*", he returns to his father's house and was accepted.

CONCLUSION

IT WAS A USUAL DAY. Everyone in the household was busy doing the work their master has commanded. Many slaves worked in the household. There was one slave boy who was trusted by His master very much. He always did everything that pleased his master. The master loved Him and placed him in charge of everything. The slave boy had immense wisdom to manage household things. His master was very happy about his work. But the salve boy had a dark past. He was sold as a slave by His own family. He cried about it alone every day and told his miserable story again and again to God. He missed his family. Lived a lonely life in his master's house. He had no father or mother nearby. No one to love Him. Despite all this, he kept his eyes on God. He fearfully followed God with all his heart.

Days passed. His master's wife showed unusual affection. The slave needed someone to love him. He needed that affection. But there was something wrong about that affection. The affection was slightly different. While the slave boy was looking and longing for true love the master's wife was driven by lust. She lusted for the slave boy's well-built body. She wanted a relationship with him outside her marriage without her husband knowing about it. She made several attempts. The slave boy was worried. He was just at the right age. He needed affection more than anyone else in

this world. He feared God and do not want to yield to his master's wife.

The master's wife fantasized about the slave boy and made several attempts and gave several invitations. But the slave boy was so faithful to his master and refused to go to bed with her because he feared God. She waited for the right moment and the day was here. No one is in the household. The slave boy came into the house for some work. It was a lonely moment. She gathered herself and made a bold move. She pulled the boy to the bed. But the slave boy left his outer dress and run outside. He refused to sin. He was determined not to yield himself to the false affection. Above all, he knew God hated this sexual sin called ADULTERY.

People who saw him running half-naked caught him and punished him thinking he is the one at fault. His master was upset with the young man. But God rose him up at the right time. He became the prime minister of Egypt and the King of Egypt arranged his marriage. His name is Joseph.

Dear friend, what about your life? Are you being attracted to do sexual sin today? It does matter whether you are married or not married. It does not matter even if the act of sin is consensual. What is right and wrong is defined by God's moral code and not by our standard of living. Jesus wants to free you from your sexual thoughts. He can wash you from head to toe and teach what is right. You may think nobody knows and nobody is watching. The spirit of God is right next to you. You are His precious child. How can you do this

act when your heavenly father standing right next to you? Don't you know this will destroy your family and permanently affect your children's life?

Dear friend, whoever you are and wherever you are today, Jesus can free you from this thought of adultery. It is your time to run from the situation as the slave boy did. Do not delay. The bible says "*flee from sexual immorality*". We cannot fight against sexual sins. Whether you are male or female, strong or weak does not matter. We all will fail if we try to fight against sexual desire. We ought to flee from the situation. Run away now and take your protection under the wings of God, where no temptation will touch you. No harm will come near you. Shall we pray to God?

Dear Jesus, I come to your presence. You know about me than anyone else. You are a God who knows my deepest desires, the dirt, and lust which is in my heart. Please heal me. Please wash me. Make my thoughts pure. Let me look up to your holy face and cleanse my heart. Let the power of God run through my body and free me from sexual thoughts. Let the precious blood of Jesus wash me. Jesus, help me to run away from the situation. Give a heart of conviction as the Joseph had. Let me keep my life pure. Change my life. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Dear Friend, Jesus wants to make you His child. Ask for forgiveness for your past life. Jesus will forgive you. He will renew your life and lead you like a father lead His child. Please humble your heart and pray to Jesus.

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