WALKING ON HOT COALS

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Almighty Father we thank you for the gift of life to see today. Father pls teach us yourself by putting your word in the heart of the teacher. Father give us grace to abide in your word and never return to sin. For in Jesus mighty name i Pray... Amen and Amen and Amen

Introduction

I'm delighted to be in the midst of God's faithful people once again. The Lord wants to carry us through a journey that will turn us around as new men in Him and set the cause of our destiny in alignment to His will.

Bible Text: Proverbs 6:25-29

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. [26] For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. [27] Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? [28] Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? [29] So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

Study

Whenever a careful observation and study of God's Word is made, we tend to see more than the surface, and we begin to see that God's laws are for our good and not because of Himself or because He just wants us to be restricted for His own ulterior motive. Solomon, through the wisdom given to him by God, gave some warnings which, if followed, one would save himself from

trouble. In **Proverbs 6:27 (KJV):** "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?" he asked if one can take fire in his bosom and not be burned, and **Proverbs 6:28 (KJV):** "Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" if one can go upon hot coals and his feet will not be burned. The answer is simple: no. Let us see what a coal, according to the dictionary, is. It is a piece of glowing carbon or charred wood ember, sometimes called charcoal. Another definition says it is a black or brownish-black solid combustible substance formed by the partial decomposition of vegetable matter without free access of air and under the influence of moisture and often increased pressure and temperature, widely used as a natural fuel.

If we look into the definition carefully, we would see that coals, when hot, can be used as fuel. Coals can be red and can bring out green and blue flames when hot. It has a very high temperature that one must not joke with. When a child picks up a hot coal, he throws it away instantly. No one plays with a coal, because playing with it amounts to playing with fire. Coal burns literally. Then it is something to think about if the Word of God then compares it with sexual immorality. **Proverbs 6:25 (KJV):** "Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."

Lust is an intense or unbridled sexual desire. It is an intense longing. It is a burning passion. Solomon says, do not lust after a beauty in your heart. Jesus Christ says anyone who looks at a woman lustfully in his heart has committed adultery with her already. **Matthew 5:28 (KJV):** "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Whenever we let our hearts go astray, it can lead us to making wrong choices in life. For those unmarried, do not lust after her beauty that you would

then be tempted to go after her, thinking you want to marry her, whereas in the deep and secret part of your heart, you only want to satisfy your sexual urge. As a married man, do not lust after a beauty in your heart such that you begin to compare her with your wife. The truth is that there are many beautiful women, but the fact that you think a woman is more beautiful than your wife does not make her better than your wife. The moment you begin to lust after the beauty of your neighbor's wife or his daughter, you will begin to lose your sense of reasoning and begin to compare your wife to them. By this, you will break your wall of sexual defense and find yourself in a big mess.

Today, there are many ladies who go about with false beauty, improved by makeup, and are all out to seduce men who are unstable in their ways. This is to destroy these men. They are the daughters of Jezebel. **2 Kings 9:30 (KJV):** "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window." This is why, as a man, you must be in charge of your eyes, because the eyes are the gateway through which these lustful thoughts gain access to the heart. **Proverbs 6:25 KJV** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Do not let her eyelashes allure you it says. The eyes are what you use to see those eyelashes. Jezebel thought Jehu was one of those men who are not in charge of their eyes. She painted her face, fixed her hair, and looked seductively through the window, but she failed. This is why I pity men of God who allow all these instruments of seduction in their churches. If one carefully looks, and if these men of God would be truthful with themselves, they are battling lust for some of the women under them because they see them with their eyes always, and these things are naturally seductive. How can a woman who intentionally does makeup and fixes lashes not have an intention

for doing so? It would be sheer ignorance to say such women do it ignorantly. It is the same as saying Jezebel did the same ignorantly. Women who fix eyelashes, wear wigs, and use all forms of adornments know that they are doing it to gain the attention of men(for enticement), except they choose to deceive themselves. The way some would lure you even with their eyes that's not fixed with artificial lashes, if you are not careful, you might go after them. This is why the Word of God warns that you should not let her capture you with her eyelids. Then this goes further to caution those who go after prostitutes. Going after a prostitute does a great level of harm to you, for she will bring you to poverty. Many complain of poverty and inexplicable losses, not knowing that their immoral lifestyle brought them there. They find themselves like the prodigal son who wasted his wealth with harlots. **Proverbs 29:3 (KJV):** "Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance."

If you look carefully into the lives of those who move around with prostitutes, you will discover that most of them never experience financial freedom. The more they gather, the more they destroy with their own hands. If you are listening to me and you still go out with prostitutes, I want to tell you that you that it's very dangerous and you are wasting your life. You need to stop immediately. That verse continues and says that sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life. There are some men whose wife is not enough for them. It is another man's wife they always pursue. This is enough to finish a man.

There are women who entice other women's husbands, even though they have their own husbands. Some are so shameless that they still seduce young men, like Potiphar's wife who seduced Joseph. **Genesis 39:7 (KJV):** "And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph;

and she said, Lie with me." Assuming Joseph had given in, he would have lost his glorious destiny. These are strange women, and they are out to take the life of unsuspecting men, not only physically but spiritually. The moment a man who is on fire falls into their hands, his spiritual life is taken from him. What he built for many years is taken from him within five minutes. Walking in the path of sexual temptation is like taking fire into one's chest and claiming that it will not burn. It does not make sense. This is because fire does not segregate. It does not know who made it or put it together. Its work is just to burn.

Today, many are walking on hot coals, saying their feet will not be burned. One can walk on wood and go scot-free. One can walk on sand and stones and escape. But no one walks on hot coals and does not blister his feet. The feet are a symbol of possession. God told Joshua that every place his foot shall touch, He has given it to him. **Joshua 1:3 (KJV):** "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."

This means that one's feet has a very deep spiritual implication when it comes to God's agenda for a man's destiny and purpose. A man who then goes in to his neighbor's wife would have his feet scorched. Thus, he will not go unpunished and would have the instrument of him possessing the fruit of his divine purpose altered. It is a serious matter. One's neighbor's wife is not necessarily someone living close to one. It can be the wife of a member of the church you shepherd. It can be the daughter of an elder in your church. It can be the wife of a pastor under you or a senior one to you. It can be the wife of a fellow chorister or worker. It can be your boss's wife at work or your worker's wife. Whether you know the person or not, sleeping with his wife means you are walking on hot coals. Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to scorch his feet on the road of destiny fulfillment, but

he was wiser. This is why youths who have divine mandates on them should be very careful on preserving it. You must know that when another man's wife is making sexual advances at you, it is not because she loves you. It is because she sees something in you which she wants to steal and wants to truncate God's plan for your life and destiny. Some would even speak enticing words. There are strange women whose mouth is a deep pit. **Proverbs 22:14 (KJV):** "The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein." What you tend to lose is far greater than what you gain. This is why you must not fall into the trap. It is not limited to men only. Women too should not get their feet scorched. Falling for the deceptive words of another woman's husband will destroy God's plan for your life, and you will not go unpunished.

Whoever touches another man's spouse will not be innocent. A man who commits adultery is an utter fool, says the Scriptures, which means he has no sense. **Proverbs 6:32-33 (KJV):** "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away." A senseless person is one who does not sit to think whether what he wants to embark on would yield losses or gains. Recently, I saw a picture of a man and a pregnant woman who were caught in adultery. People gathered upon them. What a great level of shame and disgrace. They walked on hot coals and got their feet burned.

What does it mean to walk on hot coals?

- It means to take a step that will affect your destiny.

- It means walking in a path that will eventually lead to shame and disgrace.

- It means deceiving oneself that all is well while treading on a dangerous path.

- It means allowing strange thoughts in one's heart and feeding those thoughts.

- It means trying to reconsider doing what could lead to evil.

- It means choosing to do evil, thinking you will not be caught.

Things you do that show you are walking on hot coals:

1. When you allow lustful thoughts for your neighbor's spouse, son or daughter.

2. When you put yourself in a tight corner with the opposite sex, like staying in dark areas or secluded places alone.

3. Cohabiting with the opposite gender. If you are doing this, know that you are walking on hot coals.

4. Visiting the opposite gender alone while assuming to yourself that nothing will happen.

5. Paying attention to the sexual advances of Jezebel-like women around you.

6. Watching pornography.

7. Counseling the opposite gender alone behind closed doors.

8. When there are phone discussions your wife or husband must not hear.

9. Bathing an adult which no other person must know of it.

10. Putting on bum shorts, tights, and exposing your navel and breasts to the opposite gender. Some even go out braless and walk about where the opposite gender is.

11. Putting on short skirts, trousers and seductive clothes for female children means you are walking on hot coals.

12. Tying a wrapper or towel around your chest aimlessly in places where people can easily or mistakenly see you.

13. Having a boyfriend or girlfriend.

14. Engaging in flirtatious discussions and always talking dirty with the opposite gender.

15. Being too close to the opposite gender other than your spouse, that is, having a best friend other than your spouse.

16. Singing love songs for someone who is not your spouse.

17. Bathing in the presence of your children or having intimate moments with your spouse in their presence.

18. Talking to the opposite gender on the phone for hours, even into late nights, which your spouse does not know about.

19. Saving pictures of seductive men and women on your phone which you consistently revisit.

20. Having dirty pictures and videos on your phone and hiding them from others.

These and many more show that you are walking on hot coals, and your feet will be burned if you do not quickly stop. The end point usually brings shame and disgrace and always takes something precious from a person. Some still refuse to take warning in this world because they want to face the repercussions. I advise you not to be in that category because its effect is one you may never recover from. Remember David: though he was forgiven, the reproach of sleeping with another man's wife never left him. **2 Samuel 12:13-14 (KJV):** "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die." Stop walking on hot coals.

How not to walk on hot coals.

1. Repent from any way you are walking that can destroy you. **Acts 3:19 (KJV):** "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

2. Work on yourself by determining to guide what comes into your eyes. **Job 31:1 (KJV**): "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?"

3. Guard your heart. **Proverbs 4:23 (KJV):** "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." If you are able to filter what enters into your heart, you will not find yourself in problems.

4. Always make your stand for God known. Like Joseph, he told Potiphar's wife: **Genesis 39:9 (KJV):** "There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but

thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

5. Avoid situations that can lead you into sin. **1 Thessalonians 5:22 (KJV):** "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

6. Learn to flee. Do not allow yourself to get to the point where your flesh becomes weak before you flee. **1 Corinthians 6:18 (KJV):** "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

7. Fill your heart with God's laws and commandments. **Psalm 119:11 (KJV):** "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

8. Do not be the reason another person will be walking on hot coals. **Romans 14:13 (KJV):** "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

9. Create strict boundaries around yourself and follow them. **1 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV):** "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

10. Always pray and trust in the Lord to help you stay true to Him. **Matthew 26:41 (KJV):** "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

I pray that the grace not to walk on hot coals will be released to everyone of us in Jesus Christ's name. Amen

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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