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 PART FOUR
 PROVERBS 7:1-27
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STUDYING THE SCHEMES OF SIN

DECLARATION: DEAL WITH SIN OR SIN WILL DEAL WITH YOU.

DEALING WITH PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN DEALING WITH A PROBLEM. STOPPING YOURSELF FROM MAKING WRONG CHOICES IS FAR BETTER THAN STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF WOEFUL CONSEQUENCES.

"THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT." (1 COR. 10:13-14)

TEMPTATION IS TO BE EXPECTED - EVERY PERSON WILL EXPERIENCE TEMPTATION. NO ONE IS EXEMPT.

TEMPTATION HAS AN ESCAPE - BECAUSE GOD FAITHFULLY PROVIDES AN ESCAPE, VICTORY IS POSSIBLE.

I. THE ENVIRONMENT OF SIN (VS. 6-9)

SIN'S TEMPTATION ATTEMPTS TO HIDE THE BURDEN, BUT NEVER THE BAIT.

- A. SET PLACE - "NEAR HER CORNER...WAY TO HER HOUSE"
- B. SECRET PLACE - "IN THE TWILIGHT...EVENING...BLACK AND DARK NIGHT."

KEY WORD: DIVERT - DIVERT YOURSELF FROM THE ENVIRONMENT OF TEMPTATION.

II. THE ENTRANCE OF SIN (VS. 10-13)

TEMPTATION ENTERS THROUGH YOUR SENSES.

- A. EYE GATE - "ATTIRE OF AN HARLOT..."

- B. EAR GATE - "SHE IS LOUD AND STUBBORN..."
- C. EMBRACE GATE - "CAUGHT HIM, AND KISSED HIM..."

KEY WORD: DISCIPLINE - DISCIPLINE YOURSELF BY GUARDING WHAT ENTERS YOUR SENSUAL GATES.

III. THE ENTICEMENT OF SIN (VS. 14-21)

- A. FULLFILL YOUR HAPPINESS - "LET US TAKE OUR FILL OF LOVE..."
- B. FAULTS WILL BE HIDDEN - "THE GOOD MAN IS NOT AT HOME..."

KEY WORD: DISCERN - DON'T BELIEVE SIN WHEN IT TELLS YOU THAT IT WILL SATISFY. DON'T BELIEVE SIN WHEN IT TELLS YOU NO ONE WILL FIND OUT.

IV. THE END OF SIN (VS. 22-27)

- A. DESENSITIZE THE CONSCIENCE - "SHE CAUSED HIM TO YIELD..."
- B. DAMAGE THE CHARACTER - "CAST DOWN MANY WOUNDED..."
- C. DEATH IS CERTAIN - "SLAIN BY HER..."
- D. DISPLEASES YOUR CREATOR - DON'T FORGET WHEN YOU SIN GOD GETS HURT.

KEY WORD: DESPISE - SIN WILL ALWAYS TAKE YOU FURTHER THAN YOU WANT TO GO, KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANT TO STAY, AND COST YOU MORE THAN YOU WANT TO PAY.

V. THE ESCAPE FROM SIN (VS. 1-5)

GOD UNDERSTANDS HOW SIN AND TEMPTATION WORKS AND HE HAS PROVIDED FOR US A WAY TO DEFEAT IT.

- A. ACKNOWLEDGE THE WARNING - "FROM THE STRANGE WOMAN..."
- B. ADMIT YOUR WEAKNESS - "MY SON..."
- C. APPLY GOD'S WORD - "KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND LIVE..."

KEY WORD: DECIDE - DECIDE THAT YOU WILL:

- DIVERT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT OF SIN.
- DISCIPLINE YOURSELF FROM THE ENTRANCE OF SIN.
- DISCERN THROUGH THE ENTICEMENT OF SIN.
 - DESPISE THE END OF SIN.

DEAL WITH SIN OR SIN WILL DEAL WITH YOU.