

It's a delight once again to go through the scriptures and highlight the prophetic and spiritual insights contained therein. Hope as you read this document, you will recognize the great controversy going on in the realms of darkness and the snares the devil has put in place to corrupt the church of God. Although the Book of Proverbs 7 can be taken literally, because it's a proverb, we cannot miss some spiritual and prophetic insights the Lord would want us to have.

**Proverbs 7:1, 2: My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. : Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

We know that its only by heeding to the word of God that men can have life, not only temporarily but eternal life for we are told that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Lord (Matthew 4:4, Deut 8:3).

*Psalms 119:9-11: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10: With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Disobedience has always brought destruction, obedience always leads to happiness that cannot be taken away even in times of affliction (Job 1:14-22).

**Proverbs 7:3: Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.**

If the words of God shall be on our fingers, then it means that whatever thing we shall do, we shall do to the Glory of God – 1 Corinthians 10:31. But another aspect is spoke of hear, **“the table of thine heart”**. We know that when the Bible speaks of the heart, it means none other place than between the eyes Deut 6:8, 11:18 which is our minds. It's in the mind, in the frontal lobe that God will seal His Children, observe:

*Isaiah 8:16: Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

*Rev 7:3: Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

*Rev 14:1: And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*

The saints will be sealed in their forehead and what they do with their fingers i.e. hands shall reflect the works of Christ. They are only sealed in their forehead to show that it's Righteousness by Faith, saved by grace and not works. It's a faith that works because grace teacheth something:

*Titus 3:4-8 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6: Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7: That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8: This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

*Titus 2:11, 12: For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12: Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

*John 14:12: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

**Proverbs 7:4, 5 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: 5: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.**

In this verse, women are introduced. A woman in Bible prophecy symbolizes a church, Ephesians 5:25-32. A pure woman would then represent the true church of God; Rev 12, Jeremiah 6:2 and the impure woman would represent an apostate woman, Rev 17.

**Proverbs 7:6: For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,**

When a house is built, it has two most important openings, the door and the window. The door gives full light but the window sheds in a dim light but from the same source as the door. In a greater context, the Bible takes the precedence as the door while the book of the law beside the ark acts as the window which in our day will be the Spirit of Prophecy. The light through the window does not replace the light through door but just complements it.

**Proverbs 7:7: And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,**

The word simple has been used variously in the Bible but from the context of Proverbs 7, the most probable meaning is the foolish person:

*Proverbs 9:13: A foolish woman is clamorous: SHE IS SIMPLE, and knoweth nothing.*

*Proverbs 14:18: The SIMPLE inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.*

*Proverbs 22:3: A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the SIMPLE pass on, and are punished.*

By not taking heed, the next verse tells us that the young man was ensnared with the wiles of the strange woman. As the fools who despise instruction and their end is folly, so is the young man who despised the instructions; Proverbs 1:7-19.

**Proverbs 7:8, 9: Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, 9: In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:**

This young man void of understanding thought that he could just go anywhere and be safe. He ventured to pass near the street-corner of this perverse woman. Remember, this woman ascertained as the impure woman of Rev 17, decidedly intoxicated the man with the wine of Babylon; her false doctrines.

*2 Corinthians 6:14: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

Inspiration also sheds light on this:

*I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3}*

*I saw that we have no time to throw away in listening to fables. Our minds should not be thus diverted, but should be occupied with the present truth, and seeking wisdom that we may obtain a more thorough knowledge of our position, that with meekness we may be able to give a reason of our hope from the*

*Scriptures. While false doctrines and dangerous errors are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the truth which is to fit and prepare the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord. {EW 125.1}*

*There is no safety, much less benefit, for our people in attending these popular holiness meetings; let us rather search the Scriptures with much carefulness and earnest prayer, that we may understand the ground of our faith. Then we shall not be tempted to mingle with those who, while making high claims, are in opposition to the law of God. {Ev 364.3}*

*1 Corinthians 10:21: Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.*

While he thought that he could attend her vigils and return safe, that was not the case in the end.

***Proverbs 7:10-17: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. 11: (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13: So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14: I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. 15: Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16: I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. 17: I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.***

***“lieth in wait”***

This woman lieth in wait, she sets up her trap and waits, and she won't necessarily come to you. Her characteristics are that of a leopard which lieth in a thicket ready to pounce on her prey (Rev 13:2). We read with astonishment the boast of Rome:

*And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured. {GC 581.1}*

*The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. {GC 588.1}*

The Romish church claims to be the mother of all churches and she waits her daughters to come back home; she ***“lieth in wait”***

This woman had a strange attire meaning that she was not clothed as Christ would want her church to be clothed. In verse 1, the man was told to keep the commandments and he will live, the main objective of this woman was to make the man forget the commandments. Compare and contrast the garments of Christ and this woman: -

***Christ;***

*Exodus 28:5, 6: And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen. 6: And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.*

***The strange Woman;***

*Rev 17:4: And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

The woman in Rev 17 is missing blue color which represented the commandments of God Numbers 15:38, 39. Garments also in the Bible represent the righteousness of Christ Rev 19:8, Isaiah 61:10, Rev 3:18. This is an apostate woman espousing a foolish man who has abandoned his true religion. She has her own righteousness Isaiah 4:4 which God says is filthy rags Isaiah 64:6. Egypt being a house of bondage, the woman enslaved the young man in bondage of sin.

Her false doctrines can be found in every institution in the world, schools, churches, government. She is not confined to herself – **“her feet abide not in her house”**. The feet that should be carrying the glad tidings of the gospel Ephesians 6:15 is carrying the wine of Babylon to every corner of the world Jeremiah 51:5-7

Those who have enjoined to her have become one body with her 1 Corinthians 6:16 and their end is the same.

**Proverbs 7:18: Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.**

It's interesting to see how this word morning has been used in Scripture. Prophetically and spiritually it conveys the resurrection morning that's the second coming of Jesus Christ.

*2 Peter 1:19: We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day **dawn**, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

This woman wants to ensnare the young man till the second coming of Jesus Christ. She wants him to be lost forever.

**Proverbs 7:19-22: For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: 20: He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. 21: With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. 22: He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;**

Notice:

*Matthew 20:11: And when they had received it, they murmured against the GOODMAN of the house,*

*Matthew 25:15: And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway TOOK HIS JOURNEY.*

The young man had been entrusted with the commandments as his hedge by the goodman while the woman knows the goodman is not in her house because she is an apostate. The goodman took a long journey to prepare a place for the young man; John 14:1-3. The young man was to wait for the goodman till the appointed time. But being ensnared, he could not tarry in patience till the goodman returned:

*Luke 12:46: The lord of that servant will come in a DAY WHEN HE LOOKETH NOT FOR HIM, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

By fair speech and indulgence of lasciviousness, the young man was blinded by the temporary delicacies of this woman, he was enticed with the mirth of Egypt.

*Romans 16:18: For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair SPEECHES DECEIVE THE HEARTS OF THE SIMPLE.*

**Proverbs 7:23: Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.**

The consequences and end of this young man was fatal. The dart through his liver was life-ending. Probation was closed for him forever Rev 15:8 and only what awaited him was execution of judgment; Hebrews 9:27.

*Ecclesiastes 9:12: For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.*

*Proverbs 16:25: There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Many have been ensnared and lull themselves that time will continue forever not knowing their cases have been determined never to be reversed. Many will realize too late too painful the door of probation has been closed. It will be a dart of life in their liver.

*Matthew 24:37, 38: But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38: For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

*1 Timothy 5:24: Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.*

*Men and women are in the last hours of probation, and yet are careless and stupid, and ministers have no power to arouse them; they are asleep themselves. Sleeping preachers preaching to a sleeping people! {2T 337.2}*

***Proverbs 7:24, 25: Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25: Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.***

Here is the reminder to everyone who would not be ensnared with this strange woman:

*Ecclesiastes 12:13: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14: For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

If only the young simple young man could have listened to the advice in Proverbs 7:1, 2 his life could have not ended in misery. I am glad that it's not late to those reading this article. We can all make a decision today not to be ensnared in transgressing the law of God:

*Rev 14:12: Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

*Rev 14:4, 5: These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5: And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

***Proverbs 7:26, 26: For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27: Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.***

This woman has ensnared many:

*Rev 14:8: And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

It's my prayer that no matter the deceptive power of the Devil through the apostate church, we shall stand firm till the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ at his appointed time.

*Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. {5T 214.2}.*