

# The Holy Bible — KJV

## Red Letter Edition

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### PROVERBS: Chapter 5

**5:1** My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

**5:2** That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

**5:3** For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

**5:4** But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

**5:5** Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

**5:6** Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

**5:7** Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

**5:8** Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

**5:9** Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

**5:10** Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

**5:11** And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

**5:12** And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

**5:13** And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

**5:14** I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

**5:15** Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

**5:16** Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

**5:17** Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

**5:18** Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

**5:19** Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

**5:20** And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

**5:21** For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

**5:22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

**5:23** He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

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