Subject: Drink Water from your own Cistern
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Drink Water from your own Cistern

Referring to Adultery

A cistern is a underground tank of some kind attached to your house. In days before everyone had running water it was used to provide water for the family. Rain would run off the house and fill the cistern. It was Solomon's poetic way of saying you should be happy with your own wife. Verse later.

There has been some talk on podcasts and comments on podcasts and on facebook about adultery in FA and in our assemblies. On at least one occasion Dr. Freeman mentioned it and said he had had to deal with more than one case. In FA. His solution was that they could stay in the assembly couldn't talk to each other. So apparently there was enough of it in FA to be noticeable. There was also talk about it being fairly common in our assemblies. If you are naive like me this will come as a very big shock. Maybe others knew but it came as a shock to me. After giving it some thought and looking back I think it was reasonably common although probably not as much as in the world.

There has also been talk on various forums about curses. Usually in the negative. I've had some thoughts for some time on how adultery and curses are connected. I'm not sure who is reading here these days so a bit of explanation on what a curse is.

Referring to a curse as a curse is perhaps an unfortunate choice of words. A curse in the biblical sense is the natural normal spiritual result of some kinds of sin. Its a spiritual law just like physical laws in our universe. Gravity for example. Throw a ball up and it comes down. It isn't magic. Its the way God set up our universe. Its the same with sin. All sin has consequences. Some sins carry the effect down through generations. So a curse in the biblical sense is a sin with enduring consequences. Gal. 6/7-8 (God is not mocked)

There are a number of passages that clearly say some sins carry beyond the individual to 3 & 4 generations.
Exodus 2/5-6 . . . visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations . . .
Exodus 34/7, Lev. 26/40, Num. 14/18, Deut. 5/9
See also Nehemiah 9/2, Jer. 14/20, Lam. 5/7

What I want to share is the sin of adultery by Christian married men. The reason being it is not just sin. For men there is a curse on it. There is just so much of this in the christian press these days.

Church leaders and pastors of all kinds. Maybe its just being reported more often now with the internet. Sometimes they stand up and confess it and then just go right on in their ministry. Others are confessing because they are going to be outed.

Here are some scriptures from proverbs Where Solomon talks about it.
Prov. 9/ 16-18, 7/5-27, 6/24-35

Here is the vs I want to get to
Prov. 2/16-19
verse 19
"None that go to her return again
neither take they hold of the paths of life"
Prov. 7/27
Her house is the way to Hell going down to the chambers of death

For a christian married man who commits adultery there is a curse or consequence for that sin. You will never be able to take hold of your christian life the way God wants you to. Just not quite aware of spiritual things as you used to be. Maybe not really caring. If that curse gets far enough into your life it will take you right away from the Lord. You find yourself drifting away from the Lord. Maybe not really too worried about it.
"Neither take they hold of the paths of life"

I don't think King David ever recovered from adultery with Bathsheba. Look at Solomon as well. A strong man close to the Lord. His heathen wives pulled him down. When I see these reports in the christian press I always think this. Do these men not understand that its not just their ministry at stake but their own salvation? Well someone says I was guilty and sincerely repented and things are good between me the Lord and my wife. My answer would be maybe the curse simply hasn't got far enough into your life yet. "None that go to her return again"

Are you a Christian man who committed adultery and reading this and it's not raising a concern in your heart? Then you are seeing first hand the curse working in your life. Maybe you have seriously repented and been forgiven. But if you can see this in the scriptures and the seriousness of it and it doesn't raise a concern in your heart then you are staring right at the curse. Maybe you have repented and forsaken the sin. The question though is has it forsaken you? If it was me with that sin in my past even if I had sincerely repented I would go back and look at it and come against the curse. The good news is that God not only forgives but provides a way out. Repudiate and rebuke it.

Subject: It takes two to tango
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It takes two to tango

Women of course commit adultery as well. Sometimes they initiate it and sometimes they respond to it.

Why do women commit adultery?

The #1 reason "wives" as opposed to "women" commit adultery is because they aren't getting their needs met by their husbands. I have long been of the opinion that often or mostly it is the husbands fault when wives commit adultery. If you're a family in that situation there is an excellent book on the subject. See below.

Here are some other reasons
A spirit of Lust or various other demonic reasons rebellion eg.
Plastic surgery. It opens the door to a spirit of adultery. I don't know why but they go together. Lips, ears, nose jobs, boob jobs, fillers, fat removal etc
Paul spoke in 2 Tim. 3/6 of silly women being taken advantage of.

This is the verse that really concerns me.
Prov. 6/26
"The adulteress hunts for the precious life"

This is speaking to something very deep in the heart of a women. To be honest I don't entirely understand it. I do know this though. If you're reading this and can see this in your own heart then you have a very serious problem. I would start with salvation. I cannot see a truly saved christian women having a problem like this. To be clear I don't believe this applies to every christian women who commits adultery. But if you can see this inside yourself I would look seriously at salvation.

The book I spoke of earlier is called

His Needs Her Needs Building an Affair-Proof Marriage
by Willard Harley