

Morning Service, 21 November 2010, Julian Hardyman

Sex and desire

Proverbs 5-7

1. Beware of nursing and acting on desires for what God *hasn't* given you

Case study: extra-marital sexual relationships

- Seductive attractiveness 5: 3; 6: 24-25; 7: 6-20
- Dangerous outcomes 5:7-14, 6: 25-35, 7: 21-27

2. Focus your desires on what God *has* given you

Case study 1 (for married folk): regular, active, intoxicated marital sex. 5: 15-20 (see also 1 Cor. 7: 1-5)

Case study 2 (for everyone): vigilance over sexual purity and joy in Jesus 5: 1-2; 6: 20-24, esp. 7: 1-5