"Sheep Snare"

"...We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." (Psalm 44:22)

"Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12)

Proverbs Parable of the Prodigal

Proverbs 7:6-23 – (6) "For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, (7) and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, (8) passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house (9) in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. (10) And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. (11) She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; (12) now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait. (13) She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him, (14) 'I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; (15) so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. (16) I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; (17) I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. (18) Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. (19) For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; (20) he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home.'

(21) With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. (22) All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast (23) till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life."

The Process of Elimination:

- (1) Solo Swerving (7-8)
- (2) Time is not on your side (9)
- (3) Sin will find you (10-12)
- (4) Destructive Reasoning (13-18)
- (5) No One Will Know Fallacy (19-20)

Moral of the Story:

<u>Proverbs 7:24-27</u> – (24) "And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. (25) Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, (26) for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. (27) Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death."

End-Times Enticement

Revelation 17:1-2 – (1) "Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, (2) with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk."

<u>Revelation 18:4-5</u> – (4) "Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; (5) for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

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