

Theme: DANGER OF CARELESS VISITATION

Memory Verse: *Genesis 34:31* “And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?”

Texts: Proverbs 21:16; 29:15

Jacob’s sons ended the matter with a question: “And they said, should he deal with our sister as with a harlot” (Genesis 34:31). What is your answer? Was she supposed to walk out as one without a guide? The Bible says that: “The man (or woman) that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead” (Proverb 21:16). No doubt, Jacob’s experience in Shechem was pathetic. We have some general lessons.

First, Dinah went out to see the world and lost her honour. Same with Eve. Her attempt to see led her to desire and to take. She too fell into temptation and lost her innocence. What says the Scripture? “The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing” (Ecclesiastes 1:8). Beware of what you look at or watch with your eyes as that may lead to your downfall. Beware of worldly amusement. Second, Shechem came to untimely death because he could not control his lust. Same for Amnon who defiled his sister Tamar and, Samson, the strong man of Israel who lusted after a harlot. Christian brothers who use their positions to freely invite ladies to their houses or offices for a private meeting risk the danger of falling into the sin of immorality and dying spiritually.

Third, Jacob’s neglect of supervision of his children led to the great embarrassment he faced. He did not monitor Dinah and there is no record of him taking any action against her after the disgraceful outing. He was unmindful of Simeon and Levi’s murderous mission though he cursed their anger later. His leave-them-alone attitude is the style of many believing parents today. Many parents leave their children to live as they like; little or no control is exercised. Children of some Christian parents dress like Jezebel and street urchins and their parents do nothing about it. Their relationship with the opposite sex either within or without is hardly monitored. Supervision and discipline are almost absent. For such Christian parents, the Scriptures warn: “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Proverbs 29:1).

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 37
MONDAY	Ezekiel 38	Ezekiel 39
TUESDAY	Ezekiel 40	Ezekiel 41
WEDNESDAY	Ezekiel 42	Ezekiel 43
THURSDAY	Ezekiel 44	Ezekiel 45
FRIDAY	Ezekiel 46	Ezekiel 47
SATURDAY	Ezekiel 48	Daniel 1