

Theme: CARELESS VISITATION FORWARDED

Memory Verse: *Genesis 34:2-3 “And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. [3] And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.”*

Texts: Judges 14:1-2

Like Dinah, many believers today crave the liberty to move from place to place. They complain about restrictions in the church. They attend programmes hosted by just any Pentecostal or evangelical church / ministry. They resent the idea of informing their leaders about their movements because they feel it is tantamount to being controlled. They attend festivals, dances, parties and ceremonies of the world. By such wanderings, many have lost their innocence and purity.

Dinah went out to see and she was seen too. Shechem, a wild, ravenous, youthful prince of that country saw her and took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. “And his soul cleaved unto Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he love the damsel, and spoke kindly unto her” (Genesis 4:2,3). Men have, over the ages, lost their honour over strange women, Shechem, like men of old (Genesis 6:2) saw a young fair lady and so went for her. He found a wife on the street, but first satisfied his carnal pleasure. Human depravity often turns God’s laws upside down. Shechem chose to first defile Dinah before thinking of any dowry payment.

This is the way of the world. Blinded by their own passion, they cannot wait to follow due processes before consummating a marriage union with a lady. It is surprising to note that all the while Shechem and Hamor his father were begging Jacob to give his consent to Dinah’s marriage, the unfortunate girl was held in virtual captivity in Shechem’s house. She was still there when Simeon and Levi ransacked the city and brought her out. Amnon, the son of king David lusted after his sister Tamar and, with the help of his friend, lured her to his room and raped her. Dinah was however not forced. Samson went out to Timnath and saw a woman there that attracted him (Judges 14: 1,2).

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| | MORNING | EVENING |
| SUNDAY | Jeremiah 37 | Jeremiah 38 |
| MONDAY | Jeremiah 39 | Jeremiah 40 |
| TUESDAY | Jeremiah 41 | Jeremiah 42 |
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| THURSDAY | Jeremiah 45 | Jeremiah 46 |
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