

Genesis 34:1-3 (NKJV)

“Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her. His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman.”

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A Costly Curiosity

Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah, was a young woman raised in a God-fearing household. As a descendant of Abraham, she was part of a chosen people—set apart to walk in covenant with the Lord. From her youth, she would have been taught the values and commandments that distinguished Israel from the surrounding nations. She likely understood that mingling with pagan cultures could compromise her purity and her family’s spiritual legacy (Genesis 17:7-8).

But Genesis 34:1 tells us, “*Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land.*” That short statement carries deep implications.

Dinah wasn’t going out to preach righteousness. She wasn’t sent by her family on a mission of mercy. She simply went out to observe, to explore, perhaps to socialize with the young women of Canaan. Yet in doing so, she stepped outside of her covering—both familial and spiritual.

What followed was tragic. Shechem, the local prince, saw her, desired her, took her, and violated her. Though the passage says he later spoke kindly to her and even claimed to love her, the damage was already done. His actions were not rooted in love, but in lust, and the result was not union, but defilement.

The Danger of Ungodly Associations

Dinah’s story is a cautionary tale for every woman of faith. Her downfall did not begin with Shechem—it began with her decision to go out and observe the lifestyle of ungodly women. Curiosity may seem innocent at first, but it can open the door to temptation, compromise, and even destruction.

In today’s terms, “going out to see the daughters of the land” might look

like:

- Befriending unbelievers with worldly values.
- Absorbing secular media and fashion trends without discernment.
- Seeking validation from culture rather than from Christ.
- Being drawn to social circles that have no reverence for God.

Scripture warns us:

“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”
(1 Corinthians 15:33, NKJV)

Many young women are not introduced to sin by men, but by other

women—peers who encourage them to compromise their values. It is often friends who persuade them to dress provocatively, pursue romantic relationships without discernment, attend parties, or indulge in gossip, drinking, or spiritual darkness.

Be Set Apart

Dinah did not go looking for Shechem—she only went to observe the daughters of the land. But that was enough. One step into the wrong environment changed everything. Had she remained among the women of her own household—however plain or “old-fashioned” they may have seemed—she would have been safe.

As a woman of God, you must be intentional about your friendships and the company you keep. Whether you’re at school, at work, or in ministry, guard your spirit. Not everyone around you is walking the narrow path (Matthew 7:13-14). It is better to be alone in holiness than surrounded by many who lead you to destruction.

Let them call you boring. Let them say you’re out of touch. Your soul is too precious to gamble with. God has called you to be holy, to walk in purity, and to protect your inheritance in Christ.

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” (2 Corinthians 6:17, NKJV)

Final Encouragement

The times we are living in require serious commitment to Christ. Salvation must be fought for with determination and perseverance. The road is narrow, and the gate is small. As Jesus said:

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.” (Matthew 7:13, NKJV)

Learn from Dinah’s mistake. Don’t compromise your faith, your purity, or your future for momentary friendship or worldly curiosity. Be alert, be prayerful, and surround yourself with those who are pursuing holiness.

Reject ungodly company. Choose the path of righteousness. Remain safe in God.

May the Lord bless you richly.

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