

GOD AND SEX

Note: This is an age of sensuality. Everywhere you see, SEX is projected as the main aim to pursue. See newspapers, television, billboards, movie posters, movies, internet, social media – sexual content is what is mostly projected, basically in an improper way. The target is especially the youth.

App: There is a great need for the people of our day to get educated in sex or else our society will be destroyed, not by pain, but by pleasure.

WHAT IS RUINING OUR WORLD IS NOT ESSENTIALLY PAIN BUT PLEASURE!

Note: Most people's opinion about sex is dependent on *relativism* (Eg. Traffic) or on *feelings* (Eg. Food based on taste). It is dangerous to do so because culture and feelings change but the Living God said, "Heaven and earth pass away but my word shall never pass away."

Note: Christians do not claim to be smart enough to figure out everything on their own. Two things to know:

1. We have no idea of what proper sex is *without the revelation of God*. Sex doesn't make any sense without GOD. Sex has no purpose and meaning without God.
2. One reason why people reject to believe in God or submit to God is because *they don't want to submit to moral authority*.

Question: *What is the relationship between God and sex?*

I. GOD HAS CREATED SEX.

Note: Sex is not man's invention or the devil's notion. Sex is God's creation.

- ❖ "Through him **all things** were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (Jn. 1:3)
- ❖ It is written, "For **everything** God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving" (1 Tim. 4:4).
- ❖ **Matthew 19:5-6**, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Remember: Sex is good and pure because it is created by God.

2. GOD HAS CREATED SEX FOR PROCREATION.

- ❖ **Genesis 1:28**, “And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

3. GOD HAS CREATED SEX FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.

- ❖ **I Timothy 6:17**, “God richly provides us with **everything** for our enjoyment.”

➤ Sex is an exhilarating physical pleasure which God has made for our enjoyment.

4. GOD HAS CREATED SEX TO REAP ITS BENEFITS WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF MARRIAGE.

- ❖ **Proverbs 5:15-20**, “Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?”

WHAT IS THE IMPROPER USE OF SEX?

When you buy Television, iPod, Phone or any entertaining things – they are manufactured for our enjoyment and at the same time manual is given to use it properly. Improper use of it may destroy the entertaining tool.

God has also given some instructions about how to use Sex. Sex is meant for marriage. Improper use of sex will lead to sinful addictions, dissatisfaction, depravity, deadly diseases HIV, to HELL (God’s Wrath).

Note: As pleasurable as sex is, if it is mishandled, it proves to be greatly destructive.

The devil’s main aim is to distort or abuse whatever God has created for good. **C.S. Lewis, in “The Screwtape Letters” brilliantly shares how the senior demon counsels the junior:**

- ~~“Never forget that when we are dealing with any pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form, we are, in a sense, on the Enemy’s ground.~~

I know we have won many a soul through pleasure. All the same, it is His invention, not ours. He made the pleasures: all our research so far has not enabled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which our Enemy has produced, at times, or in ways, or in degrees, which He has forbidden.”

1) SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE IS SIN (what’s wrong having sex before marriage) (Fornication)

Marriage is not a byproduct of sex. Rather, sex is a byproduct of marriage.

- God has created sex for reproduction through marriage.
- God has created sex for one another’s pleasure in marriage.
- God has created sex for the unity and sustenance of marriage.

“A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh”
(Gen. 2:24).

God says, “Leave and cleave”. Our age, “Cleave and then leave.”

1 Corinthians 7:2, “But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

Consequences of premarital sex:

- A) *Focus on bodily pleasure than on relationship,*
- B) *Unwanted pregnancy*
- C) *Broken relationship before marriage*
- D) Sin against God

2) SEX BEYOND MARRIAGE IS SIN (sex with a person who is not your spouse) (Adultery)

Illustration: Message through movies: Not satisfied with your wife, you can sleep with another man’s wife.

❖ Proverbs 6:27-29,

Can a man carry fire next to his chest

and his clothes not be burned?
 Or can one walk on hot coals
 and his feet not be scorched?
 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
 none who touches her will go unpunished.

I Thessalonians 4:3, 6, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality...that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.”

3) SEX WITH THE SAME-SEX IS SIN. (Homosexuality)

Illustration: In 1789, homosexuality was illegal in 126 countries. In 2016, homosexuality was illegal in 74 countries. 52 countries legalized homosexuality. In 2018, it is declared LEGAL in India.

News: Many nations have legalized homosexuality. Just because something is legal doesn't mean it is moral. Tomorrow what happens about sex with the animals? (Bestiality) On what base do you say this is wrong?

Lie of the devil: Some people are born gay.

- God design of sex is between man and woman, not between man and man or between woman and woman.
- I say this in love, “Homosexuality is a rebellion against the order of creation and against God's will.”

Creation: “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” (Gen. 2:18). God didn't create man but woman for man.

Saying goes, “*God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.*”

- “Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Gen. 2:24)

Old Testament Law: Leviticus 18:22, “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.”

A famous actress, Priyanka Chopra, said, “Sexual preference is a matter of personal choice.” She even said, “She don't mind playing a lesbian role.”

New Testament: Many say, 'Don't judge homosexuality.' **The One who created sex says in I Corinthians 6:9-10,**

- ❖ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

4) LUSTFUL SIGHT IS SIN

Facts about Pornography:

- 30% of the women view porn; more than 50% men view porn.
- The most popular category of sexual searches was "youth."
- Mobile phones have become a primary source to view porn.
- ❖ **Matthew 5:27-28**, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

False reasoning: Just watching with eyes, not committing anything physical. Remember:

- a. The Lord Jesus said that if you lust with your eyes, you have already committed adultery in your heart.
- b. What you watch is what you are going to hatch. Badly affects mind and when opportunity comes, fall is inevitable.
- c. Would you be comfortable if someone comes and says, "I lust your sister or wife with my eyes, I don't commit anything comfortable?"

HOPE:

I. KNOW THAT ALL SEXUAL SINS ARE ULTIMATELY SIN AGAINST GOD:

When David committed adultery with Bathsheba he prayed, "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight" (Ps. 51:4)

When Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife, he said, "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9)

This is not between man and woman but between man and God. God is the One who created you, He is the One who has given the gift of sex and He has every right to question when His boundaries are crossed.

2. KNOW THAT GOD'S WRATH COMES UPON ALL THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL ONES.

Colossians 3:5-6, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming."

3. KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR ALL SEXUAL SINS.

Hebrews 9:26, "He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

4. IF YOU CONFESS AND REPENT OF YOUR SEXUAL SINS, GOD WILL FORGIVE YOUR SINS.

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

5. BY THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT YOU CAN PUT TO DEATH THE POWER OF SEXUAL SIN IN YOUR LIFE.

Romans 8:13, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."