

Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 & 2 Sam. 13:1-18  
Singing: 438:1-2 – 123:1 – 271:1-3 – 1:1-3 – 83:1-3

Intro: What are people walking in God's holy law? (Matt 5:17; 7:24)

### PURITY OF SEXUAL PASSION (2)

I. What is function of our sexual passion? II. What boundaries for this sexual passion? III. What is reason of God's boundaries?

#### II. What are the **Biblical boundaries** God established?

A. First boundary: *Sexual relationship belong only in 'marriage state'*

1. Condemns any *pre-marital* sexual actions (1 Th. 4)

a. see Song of Solomon: 2:7; 3:5; 8:4

b. any pre-marital sex is *damaging*

2. Condemns **sin of incest** (Lev. 18:6)

a. God knows how this sin *defiles and damages* as none other

b. parents need to prepare their children with clear *boundaries*

3. Condemns looking at pictures or movies of naked people

a. exposure is nearly unavoidable

b. involvement in pornography is as destructive as hard-core drugs

- sexual relationship within marriage *bonds* your person to to your spouse

- sexual activities in porn *binds your mind to sex*

B. Second boundary: *extra-marital sexual activity*

1. Either between *unmarried – married* or *both married to another*

a. God calls this *adultery: breach of covenant – act of infidelity*

b. since this infidelity is so serious that Lord Jesus allows divorce

2. Included is the **horror of sexual abuse**: *sexual acts with a minor*

C. Third boundary is *that sexual activity between people of same sex* as well as *sexual activity with animal* (Lev. 18:22-23) is forbidden

1. Teach terms *homosexuality – bestiality* as abominations to God
2. Yet deal with Christian compassion and understanding

D. Fourth boundary is *imaginings*: Matt. 5:27-29 (HCat 109)

1. Jesus command addresses both the *sinner and the source*
  - a. too little attention is given to *the sin of the source*
    - b. none is to be an agent of temptation that leads to *stirring of sexual passion and compromising of sexual purity*
2. What is the *female's responsibility* in not being a temptation to men?
3. What is the *male's responsibility* in not tempting women? (1 Cor. 7:1)

### III. What is God's intention in these clear instructions of His will?

A. Is His law a *harness* or a *leash* to hinder or control us?

1. Picture a *beautiful and tender flower bud growing into a flower*
2. Picture a *delicate piece of chinaware*

B. Learn to praise our God of holiness!

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### TRUTHS TO PONDER ABOUT LUST

The world is littered with the debris of what lust has promised but not been able to provide.

A little will satisfy nature; less will satisfy grace; nothing will satisfy men's lusts. (Thomas Brooks)

What lust is so sweet that it is worth burning in hell for? (W. Gurnall)

Love can wait to give but it is lust that can't wait to get. (Dowel)

Love is not blind. Lust is blind. (Palmer)