

THE SACREDNESS OF SEX

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“You shall not commit adultery.”

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Do you understand the sacredness of sex?

1. God created sex solely for the safe confines of marriage.

For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

A. God designed sex for oneness in the marriage.

Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body with her? For He says, "THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

1 Corinthians 6:16

B. God designed sex for procreation in the marriage.

And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it." Genesis 1:27-28



C. God designed sex for pleasure in the marriage.

"How beautiful and how delightful you are, My love, with all your charms! Your stature is like a palm tree, And your breasts are like its clusters. I said, 'I will climb the palm tree, I will take hold of its fruit stalks.' Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, And the fragrance of your breath like apples, And your mouth like the best wine!" Song of Solomon 7:6-9

Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another ... 1 Corinthians 7:3-5

2. Adultery is a sexual sin that attacks the sanctity of marriage.

*Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed
be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
Hebrews 13:4*

A. The 7th commandment forbids adultery and fornication.

B. The 7th commandment forbids any sexual immorality.

*For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you
abstain from sexual immorality. 1 Thessalonians 4:3*

C. The 7th commandment forbids lust in the heart.

*"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY'; but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a
woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her
already in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28*

3. We can safeguard our lives from this devastating sin.

A. We can make a covenant with our eyes.

*"I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could
I gaze at a virgin? Job 31:1*

B. We can decide not to play with fire.

*Can a man take fire in his bosom And his clothes not be burned?
Or can a man walk on hot coals And his feet not be scorched? So
is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches
her will not go unpunished. Proverbs 6:27-29*

*Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the
immoral man sins against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18*

C. We can remember the high cost of sexual sin.

*The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense;
He who would destroy himself does it. Wounds and disgrace he
will find, And his reproach will not be blotted out. For jealousy
enrages a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
He will not accept any ransom, Nor will he be content though
you give many gifts. Proverbs 6:32-35*

**No matter your past, will you determine today by God's grace
to be a person of sexual purity?**