

Family Chat

Part 5 - Sacredness of Sex

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Hebrews 13:4 (AMP) Let marriage be held in honor (esteemed worthy, precious, of great price, and especially dear) in all things. And thus let the marriage bed be undefiled (kept undishonored); for God will judge and punish the unchaste [all guilty of sexual vice] and adulterous.

The closest thing to the covenant of marriage is the New Covenant salvation experience. Baptism and communion.

Leviticus 18:20, 22 (NLT) “Do not defile yourself by having sexual intercourse with your neighbor’s wife. 22 “Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.

SEXUAL SINS ARE EXCEPTIONAL & DETESTABLE SINS

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1 Corinthians 6:12-17 (Phillips NT) As a Christian I may do anything, but that does not mean that everything is good for me. I may do everything, but I must not be a slave of anything. 13 Food was meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God has no permanent purpose for either. But you cannot say that our physical body was made for sexual promiscuity; it was made for God, and God is the answer to our deepest longings. 14 The God who raised the Lord from the dead will also raise us mortal men by his power. 15 Have you realized the almost incredible fact that your bodies are integral parts of Christ himself? Am I then to take parts of Christ and join them to a prostitute? Never! 16 Don’t you realize that when a man joins himself to a prostitute he makes with her a physical unity? For God says, ‘the two shall be one flesh’. 17 On the other hand the man who joins himself to God is one with him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (Phillips NT) Avoid sexual looseness like the plague! Every other sin that a man commits is done outside his own body, but this is an offense against his own body. 19 Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, and that you are not the owner of your own body? 20 You have been bought, and at what a price! Therefore bring glory to God both in your body and your spirit, for they both belong to him.

The Bible makes it clear there’s a relationship between the holiness of God and sexuality.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (Phillips NT) God’s plan is to make you holy, and that entails first of all a clean cut with sexual immorality. 4 Every one of you should learn to control his body, keeping it pure and treating it with respect, 5 and never regarding it as an instrument for self-gratification, as do pagans with no knowledge of God. 6 You cannot break this rule without in some way cheating your fellow-men. And you must remember that God will punish all who do offend in this matter, and we have warned you how we have seen this work out in our experience of life. 7 The calling of God is not to impurity but to the most thorough purity, 8 and anyone who makes light of the matter is not making light of man’s ruling but of God’s command. It is not for nothing that the Spirit God gives us is called the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:27-30 (TLB) “The laws of Moses said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say: Anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 So if your eye—even if it is your best eye! —causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. Better for part of you to be destroyed than for all of you to be cast into hell. 30 And if your hand—even your right hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. Better that than find yourself in hell.

Serious matters must be handled in a serious manner.

**Jesus is saying, “Just how serious are you?”
Are you willing to “put to death the deeds of the flesh?”**

Colossians 3:5 (NKJV) Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.