

SEX, GOD AND FAMILIES

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?

Our society has forgotten an essential factor in its pursuit of sexual pleasure. That factor is Jehovah God, who created our ancestors 'male and female'. He deliberately created sexuality, and knowing what a powerful force it was, formulated laws to help us have fulfilling and joyful sexual relations. He also laid the foundations for successful family living. Sadly, few people know and apply His laws, which has resulted in widespread unhappiness and epidemics of sexually transmitted diseases. Even now, people are urged to disobey His teachings in the name of misguided 'sexual liberty.' Let us look at the results of some of these liberal programs, which are often justified with distortions and lies:

IS 'SAFE SEX' SAFE?

Condoms have been promoted as an effective method of preventing the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). But how effective are condoms? How successful has the 'Safe Sex' message been at curtailing the spread of these diseases and reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies? Has it helped create a happier and more stable society?

'Safe Sex' campaigns have **not** stopped the spread of AIDS and other STDs. The reasons are quite simple. Condoms, at best, merely reduce your chances of contracting AIDS. They are not a guaranteed preventative. The illusion of safety seduces the misinformed into

risking intercourse which they might have otherwise refused, increasing their exposure to AIDS. Others, although aware of the risks, choose not to use condoms to avoid offending their partners or diminishing their own sexual satisfaction.

The HIV virus which causes AIDS is only 1/25th the width of a sperm cell. It is so tiny that minute pores which commonly occur in condoms can allow the virus to pass through. This was tragically demonstrated by studies of married couples in which one partner was infected with HIV. Within two years, one study found 10% of the partners were also infected with HIV, despite using condoms for protection (D.R. Mishell, "Contraception", *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Vol 320, 1989, pgs 777-787). A similar study by the University of Miami Medical School found that 17% of the partners were infected in a year and a half (Dr. Margaret Fischl, *AMA Journal*, 1987). The risk involved in using condoms for protection from STDs is no better than the risk of getting killed playing Russian Roulette. (A 'game' using a revolving six-shot pistol where one of the chambers contains a live bullet.) Would you play Russian Roulette, or encourage your children to take a similar risk?

It is no wonder that when Dr. Theresa Crenshaw asked a conference of 800 sexologists (at Heidelberg, Germany - 1987) if they would have intercourse with the HIV-infected partner of their dreams while using a condom for protection, **not one** of them said they would. Yet this practise is urged on others and called 'Safe Sex'.

Though there are now expensive drugs which can control the progression of AIDS, there is still no cure for it. By mid 2020, AIDS has killed 30 million people, and 700,000 are dying annually. Though it is no longer in the news like the COVID-19 pandemic, it is definitely not gone. Though AIDS is the most deadly STD, is only one of many sexually transmitted diseases. Pelvic inflammatory disease, syphilis, gonorrhoea, human papilloma virus, chlamydia and herpes are all spreading rapidly. Strains of many of these diseases are now resistant to antibiotics. Some of these STDs cause lifelong

infertility and pain. Clearly the Safe Sex programs have at best reduced the rate of increase of some STD infections. At worst, they are encouraging the continuation of practices that have spread these diseases in the first place.

UNWANTED PREGNANCY

Sex education has also failed in its aim of reducing pregnancies among teenagers. Despite extensive high school programs, teenage pregnancies are increasing. One reason for this is that these programs often convey the concepts that ‘sex outside of marriage is OK’ and ‘if you are careful you won’t get pregnant.’ In this way they reinforce the immoral behaviour displayed in the media. Many surveys have found that adolescents say peer pressure is the main reason they try sexual intercourse.

Some government ‘sex education’ programs increase the pressure on teens to say yes by making contraceptives available. This removes a powerful argument against intercourse from those who do not want premarital sex. And as no contraceptives are 100% effective, this increase in sexual activity exacts its price. Condoms, for example, have a failure rate as high as 36% among teenagers. Commonly, the unfortunate young woman who becomes pregnant is urged by “family planning” clinics to have an abortion, thus becoming a partner in the murder of her own child. Often her parents are not told that she is pregnant and therefore are unable to help her when she is especially vulnerable. One should also remember that these unborn children are special to God as each first-born child is His (Exodus 13:1 & 13).

ABORTION

Rape and fetal abnormality are sometimes used to justify abortion. These reasons account for less than 2% of all abortions and still violate the sacredness of human life (Genesis 1:26-27). The vast

majority of abortions are performed merely for the would-be parents' convenience. But there are always consequences. For example, 90% of the abortions performed within a marriage lead to marriage breakdown within three months. The yet to be born child is given no choice (or chance) at all. God says anyone who kills an unborn child—even accidentally in a fight—deserves to die (Exodus 21:22-25).

PROMISCUITY AND MARRIAGE

Some people claim premarital intercourse is a good way to develop sexual techniques and/or a good way to find out if you are sexually compatible before marriage. Such claims are based on destructive fantasies. Pre-marital sex is often not fulfilling, especially for women. It has little in common with intercourse within a caring, stable relationship. Furthermore, numerous studies show that having sexual intercourse before marriage increases the probability that the marriage will end in divorce. (eg. a study by Helen Glezer, *Australian Institute of Family Studies*, 1992, found that people who had cohabited with someone before marriage had double the divorce rate of those who did not.)

Contrary to popular opinion, many young people do not have premarital intercourse. It is disappointing that supposedly responsible people undermine their stand with the 'safe sex' message. Instead of supporting these young people, they pretend that their acceptance of sexual immorality is only being "non-judgmental".

GOD'S SEXUAL LAWS

The vital fact often forgotten in sexual counselling is that sexuality is part of God's Creation. He decided to make sex pleasurable and decreed laws about how sex should be practised to prevent abuse and perversion.

His Instructions are the only approach to sexuality that is

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completely effective in preventing needless pain and suffering. The basics of Jehovah God's instructions are also very simple. **No sexual intercourse outside of a heterosexual marriage. Both partners should make a great effort to please their spouse once they are married.**

God's laws of sexual morality are outlined in the following key scriptures:

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Genesis 2:24

“You shall not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14

“You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.” Exodus 20:17

But because of fornication, let a man take his wife, and let a wife take her husband.

Let the husband render to his wife the love that is owed to her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her body, but her husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his body, but his wife does.

Therefore, do not deprive one another except when you both agree for a time that you devote to fasting and prayer; and then you shall return to pleasure again lest Satan tempts you through the desire of your bodies. 1 Corinthians 7:2 to 5

Submit one to another in the love of the Messiah. Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as to our

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Lord; because the man is the head of the woman, just as the Messiah is also the head of the congregation; and He is the Saviour of the body.

For just as the congregation is subject to Messiah, in this way also the wives to their husbands in everything.

Men, love your wives, just as our Messiah also loves His congregation and handed Himself over for its sake. Ephesians 5:22 to 25

Marriage is honourable with all, and their bed is pure; but God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Hebrews 13:4

CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Children, obey your parents in our Lord, for this is right. “Honour your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Parents, do not provoke your children, but nurture them in the discipline and teachings of our Lord. Ephesians 6:1 to 4

“And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

“And these words which I command you today shall be on your heart; you shall point them out to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as an ornament between your eyes.¹ Deuteronomy 6:5 to 8

¹ Spiritually, these are the Marks of God, signifying that we follow and know Jehovah's Instructions.

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But if anyone does not take care of his own, and especially those who are children of the household of faith, he has renounced his faith and is worse than those who do not believe. 1 Timothy 5:8

DIVORCE

The Pharisees approached Him, testing and saying to Him, “Do the Instructions allow a man to divorce his wife for any cause?”

So He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who created at the beginning ‘created them male and female,’ ‘and He said, ‘Because of this, a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and both of them shall become one flesh’? Thereafter they are not two but rather one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, a person should not separate.”

They said to Him, “Then why did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for adultery, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.” Matthew 19:3 to 9

CHILD ABUSE, RAPE AND PORNOGRAPHY

Police involved in child abuse and rape cases find that in nearly all incidents, the crimes are preceded by a history of using pornographic magazines, videos, etc. which feed the offender’s deviant fantasies.

There is no evidence that pornography is beneficial to anyone, yet it is readily available to those who are enslaved by its destructive illusions. This is not freedom, but it is social insanity.

Jesus reveals the depravity of this entire industry by teaching us it is wrong to even look at a woman to lust for her in Matthew 5:28.

God specifically condemns incest (Leviticus 18:6) and rape (Deuteronomy 22:23-29).

HOMOSEXUALITY

For the secrets of God are apparent to the intellect of His creatures from the foundation of the world through His power and His eternal divinity, so they are without an excuse, because they knew God and they did not glorify Him as God, nor did they thank Him, but they became destitute in their reasoning, and their hearts became dull and without understanding.

Though they thought of themselves as wise, they became insane, and they changed the Glory of the Incorruptible God into the likeness of an image of a corrupt man and into the likeness of birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things of the earth.

Therefore God handed them over to the vile desires of their heart, to disgrace their bodies among themselves, and they exchanged the truth of God for lies, and they revered and served created things rather than their Creator, to whom belongs praises and blessings forever and ever. Amen.

Because of this God handed them over to disgraceful diseases, for even their women changed their natural needs and became accustomed to that which is not natural. Likewise also the men; they abandoned their natural need for women, and burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing disgraceful acts, and they received the rightful reward for their errors in

themselves.

And because they decided in themselves to not know God, God gave them over to a worthless mind, so whatever they do is inappropriate; for they are filled with all injustice, fornication, bitterness, wickedness, greed, envy, murder, strife, treachery and wicked habits; murmurers, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil, lacking reason and disobedient to parents, and because they are unstable, they do not have love nor peace nor compassion; who, while they know the judgement of God, that those who commit these things will be condemned to death, are not only doing them, but also approve of those who are doing these things. Romans 1:20 to 32

Despite God's disgust at this behaviour, He is merciful and offers hope, as you will see below...

PROSTITUTION

‘Do not defile your daughter, to cause her to be a fornicator, lest the land fall into fornication, and the land become full of wickedness. Leviticus 19:29

“There shall be no prostitute among Israel's daughters, nor a male prostitute among the sons of Israel. You shall not bring the wages of fornication or the price of a dog into the House of Jehovah your God for any vow, for both of these are an abomination to Jehovah your God. Deuteronomy 23:17 & 18

My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes watch my ways. For a fornicator is a deep pit, and a strange woman is a dangerous well. She surely lies in wait for a victim, and she increases the unfaithful among men.

Proverbs 23:26 to 28

Do you not know that your bodies are members of the Anointed? Shall we take the members of the Anointed and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that whoever is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For it is said, "They will become one body." 1 Corinthian 6:15 & 16

GOD'S WARNING AND MERCY

Jeshua (Jesus) said to them, "Truly, I say to you that tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the Kingdom of God. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes believed him; and you, even when you saw that, were not afterwards moved with remorse to believe him. Matthew 21:31 & 32

Flee from sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside his body, but he who commits fornication sins within his body. 1 Corinthians 6:18

Do you not know that evil men will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idol worshippers, nor adulterers, nor sexual molesters, nor homosexuals, nor defrauders, nor thieves, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God.

And each one of you have been some of these things. But you are purified by immersion, and you are sanctified, and you are justified in the Name of our Anointed Lord Jeshua and by the Spirit of our God. 1Corinthians 6:9 to 11

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If all people obeyed God's simple, clear sexual laws, there would be no AIDS deaths, no STDs, no unwed pregnancies, no prostitution, no rape, no abortions, no paedophiles, no sexual perversions and far fewer divorces and teenage suicides.

Men and women would have the satisfaction of being joined to their spouse in a pure and undefiled condition. Children would have the joy of growing up with a mother and father who loved each other and cared deeply for them. As God says, **His laws are for our good**, to show us the way to true and lasting happiness (Deuteronomy 6:24). The destruction caused by a few minutes of immoral passion is far too great.

If you have not taken God's path, it is not too late to change. God loves you, and through the sacrifice of His son Jeshua, He is able to forgive you, even of perversion and murder. He is able to cleanse you, change you, empower you with His Holy Spirit, and help you start again. You only have to ask Him...

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