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PART 14: SEX & MARRIAGE

God's sexual laws are part of the Practical Law and they are just as valid today as they were some 4,000 years ago. These laws were given to Moses by Jesus. Our Savior would later say that these laws had not changed and would continue to remain in effect. **Matthew 5:17-19**

GRACE VS GOD'S SEXUAL LAWS

Does grace abolish God's sexual laws? No, they are just as valid as the Ten Commandments. There is no place in the New Testament where these laws were abolished.

On the contrary, the first church council decreed that fornication was unacceptable for believers in Christ. **Acts 15:28-29**

The apostle Paul condemned homosexuality. **Romans 1:26-32**

Paul also condemned incest. **1 Corinthians 5:1-5**

Jesus later stated that no whoremongers would inherit the kingdom of God. **Revelation 21:8; 22:15**

Giving out condoms and birth control pills to young people is an abomination because it essentially gives them freedom to sin and feel safe in doing so. They are actually playing with fire because they are opening themselves up for demon possession and destruction of their life on earth.

You don't want to be the person responsible for corrupting a child! **Matthew 18:6-7**

Jesus told the apostles that the Moral and Practical Law would stand until the end of this earth. They understood that the laws given to Moses were still in effect for people living under the second covenant. **Matthew 5:17-19**

You can show your love for Jesus by keeping His commandments. **John 14:15**

You can show your love for your spouse by being kind and understanding. A measure of grace can go a long way in avoiding unnecessary conflict. It is better to give rather than to receive.

A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SEX

Faithfulness is part of God's emotional make up. **Hebrews 6:16-20**

Jesus is faithful. **Hebrews 3:1-6**

God expects a husband and a wife to be faithful to each other once they have entered into marriage. **Proverbs 5:15-23**

A man and his wife are encouraged to physically enjoy each other without shame and reservation. Before King Solomon made the choice to sin and turn from God, the Lord used him to describe how love should be between a man and his wife. This writing



would not have been included in the Bible if it was not from God. **Song of Solomon 4:1-16**

Some Christians claim that all sexual activities are allowed between a husband and wife and base it upon the following passage:

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4)

Let’s examine this verse more closely:

1. Marriage is honorable; meaning that marriage is a holy union that has been instituted and sanctified by God.
2. The bed is undefiled; meaning the sexual acts which take place between a husband and wife are also instituted and sanctified by God.

God did not create the mouth to be used as a sexual organ nor did He intend the rectum to be used as a sexual organ. He created the vagina in a woman to receive the penis of the man.

Oral and anal sex were conceived by the Devil for the sodomites and God called this practice an abomination. Since a homosexual man does not have a vagina, he uses the rectum of his partner; women use their fingers and even the tongue since they do not have a penis.

The dirty sex seen in porno films and practiced by homosexuals and whores has become common today with married couples and even pastors condoning this type of behavior in their counseling sessions.

It is not unusual for married Christian couples to view pornographic movies in their bedrooms before they engage in sexual intercourse. There are a number of “sex toys” sold on the internet and in adult stores that are used for masturbation.

A Christian couple shouldn’t need the filth of the world in their relationship; instead, they should spend time reading the Bible and praying before engaging in sexual intercourse. We routinely ask the Lord to bless our food and lot of other endeavors, so why shouldn’t we ask God to bless the sexual aspect as well? God is our Creator and He can bless anything, even sex! **Philippians 4:4-8**

HOW TO TREAT YOUR SPOUSE

A sexual relationship between a husband and wife should be born out of their compassion for each other. Satan has blinded people into believing that married life is just a series of compartments that follow one another. Most Christian couples have divided up their lives as follows:

1. Working outside the home to bring in an income
2. Raising children
3. Maintaining the home with cleaning, repairs, etc.
4. Preparation for meals
5. Shopping

6. Church
7. Personal time
8. Personal time with children
9. Social time with relatives and friends
10. Sex when there is time

Married couples become so busy with all the different activities that they do not have time for each other. They have essentially become a labor team, trying to accomplish all the daily tasks before the day is over and this creates a lot of stress since most parents are never able to finish every goal each day. Parents can only be alone with each other at night when the children have been put to bed. They are usually exhausted from the hustle and bustle of the day and have very little energy left for one another. One spouse may be feeling for amorous than the other and any sexual intercourse for the more tired spouse is just another thing to get over with before they can go to sleep.

Parents are usually stressed, and in order to compensate and get some personal time, they should carefully examine each activity and discard anything that is not necessary. Time is of essence and the parents should use their time wisely.

A couple needs to plan out quality time with each other from time to time and ask relatives or friends to stay with their children while they are away.

Showing affection is one thing a couple can do on a daily basis, especially in front of their children. Speaking kind words, giving lots of hugs, bestowing kisses and telling each other how much they love each other in front of children is good for two reasons. It teaches the children how to treat their spouses once they are married and it builds a deep love in the husband and wife for each other. This means that when they engage in sexual intercourse, they are emotionally ready to give and receive love.

The apostle Paul gave us a blueprint for a happy marriage. **Ephesians 5:21-33**

BIRTH CONTROL

God told mankind to be fruitful and multiply but He did not specify the number of children; that is something that is left up to each couple. **Genesis 1:28**

The sperm from a man and an egg from a woman do not constitute life by themselves; however, there is life once they are united and God adds a soul to the mix and the result is a human being. **Psalms 139:13-18**

Man has been given a free will but God didn't do the same for animals. Their sexual life is regulated by a set program in their brains, and when it comes to have sexual intercourse, there is no thought as to whether the female will become pregnant or not. Sex in the animal world only takes place when the female is in heat.

God did not create human females in the same way; they are open to sex even if they are not ovulating while men are usually ready to engage in sexual intercourse anytime.

It is therefore possible for a husband and wife to engage in sexual intercourse for pleasure without procreating. Couples can make the decision as to how many children they would like to have. A Christian couple should ask God what He wants for them. If a

woman becomes ill after childbirth and a new pregnancy could be risky, the couple has the option of circumventing another pregnancy. A woman with several caesarian births is not in a good medical condition to keep having more children born this way.

Science has provided several ways for a husband and wife to engage in sexual intercourse without conceiving. Birth control methods include barrier methods such as condoms, diaphragms and contraceptive sponge; hormonal birth control such as oral pills, patches, vaginal rings, and injections; sterilization such as tubal ligation for women and vasectomy for men along with behavioral methods to regulate the timing of sexual intercourse when a woman is likely not to get pregnant. Chemical birth control pills are harmful to the body and the “morning after pill” is nothing more than a chemical abortion. When a woman ties her tubes or a man gets a vasectomy, they are mutilating their bodies and this will eventually cause cancer since the eggs and sperm are left to decompose in the body with no way of escape. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

LIFE AFTER CHILDREN

When a young man and woman get married, the first year is a time for them to focus on one another and there is no one to inhibit them from engaging in sexual intercourse when they desire it. This is a time for them to do things together and enjoy life.

Life changes dramatically when the first baby is born and there is more change with each subsequent child. Their lives will revolve around the children for the next 20-30 years and there is little time for them to be alone like it was in the beginning. During the child rearing years, the husband and his wife will grow and develop intellectually, each one pursuing different goals and experiences. This will cause them to drift away from one another but it is not noticeable because the interaction with the children masks the growing divide. When the last child moves out, the husband and wife will look at each other and wonder what comes next. As they begin to examine each other, they will realize they are not the same people they were when they got married.

In order to have a strong marriage after children, the couple will need to get to know each other again and pick up where they left off before the first baby. This should be the second honeymoon but most couples drift apart at this time and many relationships end in divorce because they can't cope being alone with the spouse who is familiar and yet seems like a stranger.

Another crisis usually arrives when the man retires from work and begins to stay home all the time. The wife loses her personal time since the husband is milling around like a lost puppy. It is critical for the couple to discuss retirement before it takes place so that plans can be made and boundaries set to give each other the private space they need.

1 Peter 3:1-11

SUMMARY

This message is directed at two different groups of people and it is challenging to give justice to both groups. The first group is living in sin and disregarding God's laws. When Jesus gave the sexual code to the people of Israel, He did not state that sex is good within the bounds of marriage and that it is for the enjoyment of the husband and wife. Jesus only stated the law in telling the people what not to do.

It is only later in Proverbs, Song of Solomon, the teachings of Jesus and the writings of Paul that we find God addressing sex within marriage. In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, Paul clearly laid out the relationship between a husband and his wife.

Men and women are created differently. The man has a strong libido and is always ready to have sex whereas the woman wants to be cherished, nourished and appreciated and not just before the husband is ready to copulate.

Few couples enter marriage with the mindset of loving and pleasing each other. The way that people are brought up is that a husband is looking for ways the wife can make him happy and he is not necessarily thinking about her needs. The wife's mindset is about the same and there is only going to be strife and misery when two selfish people get married and try to revolve a relationship around a physical act. When a man loves his wife like Christ loves the church and the wife reveres and respects her husband, their sex life will be heaven on earth.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?