

A Godly View on Sex and Marriage

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Perhaps we have spent time in looking in the mirror this morning? It may have been for only 10 minutes or perhaps up to 30 minutes. What sort of picture do we see of ourselves? You may have gone to the hall of mirrors at the fair. Here you can make what sort of picture that you like! You may be tall and thin or fat and short! This is very similar to God's view and the world's view on sex and marriage. God's view is straight while the world's is distorted. The so-called experts and their glossy magazines saying:-

'If its OK with you both, then it is alright!'

God view does not come into it - as far as they are concerned!

Gen. 2v24 Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

They become joined together as one, inseparable. Adam was delighted to have been given to him a beautiful woman that he called Eve to be his human mate. This is seen in the previous verse.

Gen. 1v27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him. He created them as male and female.

God's purpose was/is for man to fill the earth. His Will on sex and marriage is always paramount - this we must remember. The other things that come from this unity would be companionship and the complimentary qualities that each gender gives and not just the automatic thoughts of the sex bed!

Did God give us bonds within sex and marriage?

Did He also give bonds for those who are courting to find a mate?

A good marriage will only survive if there exists unselfish love and loyalty between each other. Coupled with the unbreakable faith/fidelity/assurance and love in Yahweh God to support this union. This will bring true happiness within the relationship.

1Cor. 7v3-4 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife has not the power over her body, but the husband; and likewise also the husband has not power over his own body, but the wife.

There must be a giving and taking inside marriage. This will ensure that any differences can be settled to the satisfaction of both partners. There must be friendship, tenderness and concern for the mate and the children.

A good piece of advice would be:-

Best thing for your children is to show love to their mother.

It is wonderful to see families together - it is something to look out for in a good relationship.

Another thing for the male to be concerned about is the menstruation that a woman has to go through every month.

Lev. 20v18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her menstruation and he uncovers her shame; he discovers her fountain, and she uncovers the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

We are not under the Leviticus Law, but we are under the Law of Love given by Jesus. We must give honour and respect to each other that our marriage mate deserves.

What about other acts of sex?

Colo. 3v5 Make your body members dead to the earthly desires of fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry (*= takes your desires of time/energies away from Yahweh's Will*).

Fornication in the Greek had more meanings than it does now. It meant homosexual and lesbian acts, and acts with animals, essentially anything that could be considered un-natural - hence we keep ourselves free from defilement.

We should not put ourselves first, but put our mate first (*likened to The Bible instructing us to put our neighbour's welfare above and beyond our own*).

Heb. 13v4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

The marriage at times may be unhappy - but take any other paths to end the marriage will only cause intense problems, and we would become subject to judgement from God for our actions in following Satan's desire to break up "The Marriage Arrangement" ordained to be the most successful means to bringing up children - irrespective of those who consider themselves wise in a most worldly sense (*they are having 'their day now' but are being proved over time to be wrong*).

Mal. 3v5 And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and those that do not fear me, says the Lord of Hosts.

He will ultimately in a speedily manner put down those who undermine peace. This may be in many areas, but the one we can consider is a marriage heading for divorce. This is one of the biggest upsets in the world today! This leads to many people being unhappy and loose self-confidence. Children may know of other children who are recipients of a

divorce between their parents. They become badly depressed just because their parents have become unreasonable and do not talk to one another except to argue. From irresponsible extra-marital affairs spring illegitimate children, sexually communicated diseases, tortured feelings inside and outside. Unselfish love frees us from all these things that unlawful sex brings.

A family is a wonderful thing, but The Bible says nothing on how many children you should have. Some couples will have many children and others none. As long as it is in harmony with God's will. There are several references in the Bible to inform us that the breadwinner should be responsible as reasonably possible and **not** deliberately live off other people. This tells us that these couples should only have sufficient children that they and their family circumstances can reasonably handle.

One thing that is not acceptable to God is abortion. The Bible states that this is abhorrent to God.

Ex. 21v22-23 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet she does not miss-carry; he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if she does miss-carry, then you shall give life for life.

Clearly if a person causes a deliberate act which results in the death of a baby in the womb then this is equivalent to murder in God's eyes.

Ps 139v13-16 For You have possessed my reins; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works; and you know my soul completely. My substance was not hid from You, when I was made in secrete, and curiously knitted together in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes did see my substance, yet being an imperfect unformed being; and in your book all my members were written, and all the days of my life, before I have even started them.

This is an interesting passage. Before DNA and chromosomes were known, David did his best in writing it down then in this psalm speaking of "The Book of Life" just as scientists today call the information contained within the DNA!

When does life form?

It is when the sperm breaks through and fuses inside the egg in the fallopian tubes. A 'living soul' = 'a life' has been formed. Everything about the future human-being has been sorted out, their size, hair, skin, eyes, and even the way they think is now determined at that point in time. All 46 chromosomes have been formed. As all mothers know, they can feel the child within them; they actually feel the child is part of them.

Unfortunately in some places in the world today there are more abortions than births!

I believe (in USA alone by 2007) the figure is more than 40 million growing embryos/babies have been killed in the last 26 years and this was introduced as 'a last resort' when all other preventions and options had been explored and exhausted.

What is God's attitude on divorce?

In America there are 1,160,000 divorces, being half of all marriages! (written in 1993)

Is this the correct attitude?

Matt. 19v4-6 And he answered and said unto them, Have you not read, that he who made them in the beginning made both male and female. And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall be one flesh? So they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man break apart.

Clearly God hates divorce. However there is only one permissible cause allow divorce to occur.

Matt. 19v9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and then marries another commits adultery. Also a person who marries her who has been put away, also commits adultery.

The Greek for fornication is "**porneia**". This word is very similar to that we use for "**pornography**" = gross sexual immorality.

Matt. 5v7 Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Should someone commit adultery, then we should first show mercy, for this removes hate. From mercy flows forgiveness. However there is the escape route if all else fails for the innocent partner - divorce to give the partner freedom to remarry. However we must all work hard during and before marriage to ensure that everything is known before we get married.

The marriage wrecker is Satan, because he is ruling this world at present then he allows all freedoms to create destructive lures to become wedges that break the union between two people.

Hopefully knowing God's views on sex will help us to stand up against Satan's wishes for us.

The sexual drive is a natural feeling and God has given the marriage bed is given for it.

Fornication and Homosexuals.

1Thes. 4v3-5 For this is the Desire of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his body in sanctification and honour. Not in the lust of sexual appetite that the Gentiles do who don't know God.

Single people will harm themselves and others both physically and mentally by striving after immediate pleasure to the detriment of long term health. They may argue that it is all right if both parties agree!

But is it?

What are often the results?

Feelings of guilt, stricken consciences, venereal diseases, AIDS. All these diseases are indiscriminate killers and the main sufferer is the innocent child from such a parent. Either because they can catch these diseases during the birth process or when older they become orphaned perhaps before they become a teenager.

The single parent mothers that are filling up housing estates are in the majority of cases products of Biblical fornication.

Finally it forbids the start of clean marriage.

Fornication includes homosexuals. Look at what God thinks of that! He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for that and other practices. It is written that in 1972 9,000 homosexuals migrated to San-Francisco city, clearly this has speeded up now. They cannot and will not inherit God's kingdom (*that is not to become a Son of God*) with that attitude and if rebellious to God's principle now – will they be able to curb their rebellious nature in The Millennium?

1Cor. 6v9 Know you that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

What if one who practices such things, can they change?

1Cor. 6v11 And such were some of you: But you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

So we can become sanctified and declared righteous, hence thinking can be modified if you so wish. Others have done it.

Self control over self-abuse. It would be a distorted view to believe that it is just a harmless outlet for your sexual drive. You must try and learn to master it, otherwise it will take over your whole being by becoming a ritual habit. You will start to desire it more than anything else – thus becoming a covetous desire.

Essentially Paul is trying to teach us to be aware. It is not just the physical health but more importantly your mental attributes that we must be careful of because this is what forms the all important synapse construction that becomes the retained Heavenly Treasure to be used for our resurrection into a new perfected body. We must learn not to dwell on central ideas that form bad habits, but to break bad habits.

All it does is chemically reinforce the synapse junctions between the neurons within the brain, running on the pleasure stimuli hormones.

Meditating on God and reading The Bible, learning to follow the correct path will help us.

Be careful and do not learn from your schoolmates, they will give you the wrong attitude.

Do not delay on teaching your children God's view.

Help to nurture a correct attitude in your children so that peace and happiness will come in their adult life.

Psa. 19v9-11 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yes more than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them, is thy servant warned; and there is great reward in the keeping of them.

God knows what is best for us - he made us!

He has provided us with direction.

Dignified the view of sex and marriage to avoid pain, suffering and other major problems resulting from loose conduct. We have the opportunity to gain much with self-control, a chaste and loving marriage, with enduring peace of mind, clean conscience and the prospect of living within God's Will/Desire forever.