Sex and Marriage

Our sexual lives in thought and relationship, are a *massive*, part or impact, on our lives. I beg you, for the benefit of You and your Family to read all of this, and maybe read again to grab the key points. Please don't switch off.

I am old enough to have been a teenager in the late sixties.

The **Pill** and the **Sexual/Music revolution**, with lyrics like "**when sex was just for fun**". What a time for the young.

Simple honest lyrics that belies the complexity of our spiritually based problems we have today. Such a constant influence on thought and physical desires, and effort, for that gratification thru Sex. Spilling over into corrupt and criminal actions like pornography, prostitution, date-rape drugs, rape and sexual abuse (even murder), child molestation, perversion, paedophilia etc etc. just a short list. Yes, nothing new, but with the addition of the internet, an out of control explosion.

They say, "what this generation allows, the next will enjoy or endure".

What the Pill did was limit the consequences. Removed the fear boundary. So we let the horse out and it bolted! Since then, the "day-after" which removes even that safeguard of pregnancy.

There is **NO WORD** for sexual relations in the whole Bible. No word meaning "sex". But there are words for wrong sex, unholy sex, seen as unclean and, in God, dealt with harshly. Words like:

Adultery: morcheia Matt 15:19 Mark 7:21 John 8:3

moichos one who has unlawful (God's) intercourse with another's spouse.

Luke 18:11 1Cor 6:9 Heb 3:4 James 4:4 which parallels it to idolatry

or, friendship with the world

moichalis 2Pet 2:14 Rom 7:3 Ezek 16:15 Rom 7:4 transfer of affection from God

Matt 12:39 Mark 8:38

moichao } Matt 5:27 28 32 Mark 10:11 John 8:4 Rom 2:22

moicheuo}

Fornication: porneia illicit sexual intercourse/indulgence

John 8:4 Acts15:20 29 1Cor 5:1 6:13 2Cor 12:21 Gal 5:19 Eph 5:3-6

Col 3:5 1Thes 4:3

pornos 1Cor 5:9 10 11 1Tim 1:10 Heb 12:16 13:4 Rev 21:8

porneuo Mark 10:19 1Cor 6:18 10:8 Rev 2:14

ekporneuo Jude 7

Homosexual: Lets deal with this now.

The most *commonly quoted Bible verses* are <u>Leviticus 18:22</u> and <u>Leviticus 20:13</u>, which state that it is an **abomination** for a man to lie with another man as he would with a woman.

In <u>Romans 1:26-27</u>, Apostle Paul says that homosexuality is **contrary to God's natural order** and His will.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

Additionally, <u>1 Corinthians 6:9-10</u> lists homosexuality as one of the sins that will **prevent someone from entering the Kingdom of God.**

While *the Bible is clear* in its view of homosexuality, it is essential to remember that God loves all of his creation and offers forgiveness to those who **repent and turn**.

Alsenokoiths sodomite, abuser of self 1Cor 6:9 1Tim1:10

 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers.

10.the sexually immoral, <u>men who practice homosexuality</u>, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

malakos effeminate, soft 1Cor 6:9

koinoo unclean unholy defiled common ordinary

akatharsia in a moral sense impurity of lust or motives, filth, lewdness

Yes, you get it. There is a lot of stuff on unlawful sex. This is just a few scriptures.

There will be more to overwhelm you, so you truly get it.

So, what is God's view of "wrong" sexual relations? Found only in His Word.

Lev 20:10 "'If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the wife of his neighbour—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

Lev 18 7-30 eg v22 Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.

Prov 6 20-35 eg v32-33 But whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks common sense and sound judgement and an understanding [of moral principles]; He who would destroy his soul does it. Wounds and disgrace he will find and his reproach (blame) will not be blotted out.

Luke 18 18-20 A certain ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher [You who are essentially and morally good], what shall I do to inherit eternal life [that is, eternal salvation in the Messiah's kingdom]?" You know the commandments: 'Do NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT TESTIFY FALSELY, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.'"

1 Cor 6 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? <u>Do not be deceived</u>, neither the **sexually immoral**, nor idolaters, **nor adulterers**, **nor effeminate** [by perversion], nor those who participate in **homosexuality**, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers [whose words are used as weapons to abuse, insult, humiliate, intimidate, or slander], nor swindlers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

{Felt led to insert more here. God <u>does not hate</u> any of His children.

He has not made anything unclean.

What He hates is where the enemy has taken you, thru what the enemy entices you to believe, then do, by throwing thoughts at you on top of what life has thrown up at you, including traumatic events and circumstances, many out of your control. (You might trust experience more than God.) Why does the enemy do this? To take you outside of God's plan for you, so you **never reach your potential** and God may miss out on the **only one** He has like you. Spiritual attack.}

Back to unlawful sex. Do you think you will escape the consequences of living that kind of life?It is self-centred.

Num 15 32-36 A man was **stoned** by the command of God for **collecting sticks on the Sabbath**. **You don't get away with anything in God.**

Everything we do and say are recorded in God's chronicles for each of us *Matthew 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgement people will give account for (even) every careless word they speak.* (unless your repentance and His forgiveness make sure they dont see light of day).

In Ephesians 5:1-2 Paul says to imitate God, follow his example and walk in love esteeming others. No matter how you try to package it, sexual immorality is not an expression of love but of selfishness.

Eph 5:3-8 But sexual immorality and all [moral] impurity [indecent, offensive behavior] or greed must not even be <a href="https://distribution.org/line.com/https://distribution.com/https://d

Let no one deceive you with empty arguments [that encourage you to sin], for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience [those who habitually sin].

So do not participate or even associate with them [in the rebelliousness of sin].

For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

We have not touched on why we should treat marriage with great honour and holiness yet. Let alone the spiritual (evil) fallout for you and your family, by not doing it God's way.

But, I know what some of you may be thinking.

My life of wrong doings are forgivable. They are, as long as you repent, turn away, and stop it. But if I keep on doing it, I can ask forgiveness again. Yes, **if not deliberate**.

Heb 10 26-31 For if we go on wilfully and deliberately sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice [to atone] for our sins, but a kind of awful and terrifying expectation of [divine] judgement and THE FURY OF A FIRE and BURNING WRATH WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES [those who put themselves in opposition to God]. Anyone who has ignored and set aside the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much greater punishment do you think he will deserve who has rejected and trampled under foot the Son of God, and has considered unclean and common the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and has insulted the Spirit of grace [who imparts the unmerited favour and blessing of God]? For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE [retribution and the deliverance of justice rest with Me], I WILL REPAY [the wrongdoer]." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." It is a fearful and terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God [incurring His judgement and wrath].

Well that is for **all** wrongdoing.

Lets go a little finer.

Matt 5:27 28 You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; but I say to you that everyone who [so much as] looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

1 Cor 6:18 Run away from sexual immorality [in any form, whether thought or behaviour, **whether visual or written**]. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but **the one who is sexually immoral sins against his own body**.

Mark 7:20-23 And He said, "Whatever comes from [the heart of] a man, that is what defiles and dishonours him. For from within, [that is] out the heart of men, come base and malevolent thoughts and schemes, acts of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, adulteries, acts of greed and covetousness, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained conduct, envy and jealousy, slander and profanity, arrogance and self-righteousness and foolishness (poor judgement). All these evil things [schemes and desires] come from within and defile and dishonour the man."

If you are having sex or sexual thoughts, Man if it is not with your wife, Woman, if it is not with your husband, YOU ARE IN SIN.

God created your bodies with sex in mind. God devised the rules and designed Marriage.

Do you think Men invented Marriage? Joke! Were Women given the permission to? Funny.... OK. It's God's rules.

WE can see clearly that HE does NOT condone sexual sin.

Before Jesus went to the Cross, offenders were taken out of the camp and stoned to death.

Why so harsh?

Jesus came to set the captives free.

Only a FREE man can "buy" a slave.

We were in slavery to Lucifer (initially the Archangel of Worship) after Adam sinned.

He stole Adam's authority here.

Sin is in the blood. So, since then we are all born corrupted by sin, that is, slaves born to slaves. Jesus was not born of Man, as the blood is in the semen.

Jesus had to get to the Cross without sin and thereby be killed illegally (spiritually).

In this he gained the right to receive back from Satan anyone who chooses Jesus (the Man).

Until the Cross, mankind had no authority in this world and no authority in the spiritual realm.

Even with God and Moses. Satan had Adam's authority which was from God. ie God's authority. God cannot come against His own authority.

So if we get involved in sin (agree with the dark side) we would finish up with company (demons) from the dark side and eventually "possessed", corrupted, if we continue.

In the O.T., they had no authority to rid them, so they could corrupt the community. (like leaven) Spirits cannot "live" in a dead body. SO.....stoned to remove the evil presence from the camp. We will cover more in this area later.

The scene is now set. What is expected of us? God's will. Because we Trust Him, we obey Him. The only legal place, in God, that you can find sexual enjoyment is within marriage. Marriage is AFTER the wedding ceremony.

In Biblical times the man promised (a contract with her parents) to marry the girl, as in Betrothed.

Unlike an engagement, which sets an intention to marry, a betrothal ceremony **requires the couple to commit to marry**. During the ceremony, a man and a woman pledge themselves to a future union.

For a woman, the betrothal period was **a time for learning to love the man she was now going to marry**; learning to trust him, growing in respect and honor for him, being willing to let him make decisions for their life together. She had to trust his word to her, the promise he made that he would come back for her. Although initially they were deemed to be married, the joining in marriage was completed about 12 months later. Then, and only then, physical union.

Today's "engagement" and ring is still an intention to marry but not a contract (covenant or "deal") **Marriage was designed as a lifetime contract (covenant) sealed by blood.**

It is still after the wedding. Ok?

When did Marriage start?
In the Garden.
Marriage was not invented for the Law.
It has always been there for us with God. OT and NT

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and they shall **become one** flesh **Gen 1:28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Matt 19:4-6 (Amp) He (Jesus) replied, "Have you never read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED INSEPARABLY TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." This is what Marriage is and it is also the response by Jesus on whether it is ok to divorce. Not part of the plan.

Keywords are **leave**: Be a Man. Take responsibility for your own life, your wife and future family.

join: working as one entity. What belongs to one belongs to the other.

A forever partnership. Knitted together, cleaved, glued, in cement,

one flesh: includes sexual relations, intimacy

there is no need for the word "sex", when will it be used?

What are you going to tell others?

Anything critical would be about yourself, wouldn't it?

Even your privacy (intimacy) belongs to each other. Honour each other.

one: Parallel, Jesus speaking in John17:21-23

that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them,

that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me;

that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me,

and have loved them as You have loved Me. Intimately close. Marriage mirrors this.

Heb 13:4 "Marriage is to be held in **honour** among all [that is, regarded as something of **great value**], and the marriage bed is to be kept **pure** and **undefiled** [by immorality or by sexual sin]; for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous" (sacred, holy) **Prov 18:22** He who finds a **wife** finds what is **good** and receives **favor** from the Lord.

Eph 5:25-29: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church

Eph 5:33: However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **1Pet 3:1-22** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by <u>submitting to their own husbands</u>, ...

The husband is to "agape' his wife. That is ...unconditionally love her.

Submission is <u>permission</u>, to come under someone's authority and is a choice.

Submission is not to be demanded, it is a choice, whether the wife agrees or not with the need to. Submission sees the ultimate Authority at work. Here, trusting her husband under God.

We need to submit to all Authority above us.

God made women to be able to easily choose to submit to a husband that loves her unconditionally. A wife is expected to give responsive love and respect to her husband. Not agape. It is conditional. Before Moses slipped up on divorce, there was no divorce. So look after each other as each other is the only source of sexual pleasure for mankind on the planet within God's will.

Divorcing and marrying another causes all involved to be adulterers or fornicators.

There is no word for sex in the Bible, but there are other ways that sex is mentioned in scripture.

By Euphemisms, the **substitution of an inoffensive expression** for one that may offend.

To **lie** with lay koite sakab

Adam **knew** Eve. Ginosko and yada

Go in unto, Come in unto, come near, approach, came to her, he took her, to love, to force,

There is **not much to say** about God's design of Marriage. <u>Just a sentence in Genesis</u>. But **so much said about <u>not treasuring it.</u>**

Tit 1:15-16 To the pure, all things are pure; but to the corrupt and unbelieving, nothing is pure; both their mind and their conscience are corrupted. They profess to know God [to recognize and be acquainted with Him], but by their actions they deny and disown Him. They are detestable and disobedient and worthless for good work of any kind.

Marriage is a physical example and reminder of our (and the Church body's) intimate, pure, Holy and Sanctified relationship with our "lover" who cherishes us, gave His life for us, and is going to show us off and present us to The (His, our) Heavenly Dad, who happens to be the only living true God!

This is such a difficult subject to promote.

The damage is more than done.

How do we come back from where we are?

It is just a decision. Thankfully for the new generation, thats just it. Do it God's way from the start. But a great number of us, were not aware of how dear and important this is to God,

and is, because He does not want us hurt or excluded.

He wants us all to be able to come Home.

Whatever we have been into, it is never too late to CHANGE our attitudes choices and path.

'My marriage partner is not Christian.' you say. He has it covered.

1Cor 7:14

For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

ONLY, ONLY....forgiven people can take hold of their ticket home and enjoy *Zoe* eternal life. Jesus is the way to the Father. We need to realise that He is our Lord, that He has forgiveness and cleansing for our past, that although He is the Son of God, we need to understand that He needed to come here as a Man, deliberately be sacrificed for us, for us to choose to be free, and that God raised Him from the dead. He was alive, after he Cross, with the disciples for 7 weeks until the Holy Spirit came to take over.

He now sits (ALIVE), right now, at the right hand of the Father. see Rom 10:9-10

A good place to stop.

But I mentioned earlier that I needed to say something more here.

We should have a general understanding of how our (defeated) enemy works.

As with any attitude, or choice to do wrong, **outside of God's will,** you put yourself in danger.

God gives you time to change and get right with Him, holding back the enemy, who, by you really, agreeing with them, have legal claim to access your life.

At first the enemy can only throw **thoughts** at you.

But if you delay, they will **become part of your persona**, and attract other "pack" members, and you will be a magnet for more temptation and opportunities to do wrong.

Like a bad habit.

Easy to stop at the beginning but then becomes automatic and hard to break.

Instead of having an attitude of immorality, uncleaness and rebellion, those **spirits will have you** thru your unrepented attitude and choices.

So, you know, you finish up with 'baggage', **evil spirit baggage**, that display themselves in your life, thru your ignorance of God's will and your selfish desires and choices.

But if you become one flesh outside of marriage, then that very alive "baggage" is able to move between you both, AND unborn babies.

They seek what they don't have, a nice comfortable body to live in.

Sorry about that.

Repentance (Stop and Turn away from it)

Forgiveness (Draw near to God)

Prayer by you and by others (Ask. Give Him permission to be involved)

Get into the Word, it is your knowledge base and contains your weapons. God's Word.

Jesus needed it. Google it. A zillion sites at your figure tips.

Forgive me, it is the **Word you know that sets you free.** Not ink on paper. But you need to start. Pray in the Spirit as much as possible and the children involved too. They didnt invite them in. I believe spirits that are **not** attached to an ungodly attitude will go just with praying in the Spirit and commands using your Authority, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, quoting God's Word. You may need to command them by name. eg Like Jesus did, deaf and dumb spirit. Or eg. unclean spirit.

The enemy is already defeated but will get involved if you (by agreeing with them) ask them in. Find a Christian that can back you up.

Bless you for honouring me, reading to here.

Hope this can encourage you onto Our Dad's path for you or at least give you understanding to life's challenges.

Kevin