

SUMMER SERIES

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<u>Introduction</u>: This summer series is on reclaiming hope for God's first institution: the home. We are considering things that need to be reclaimed from society. We need to restore our thoughts to spiritual ones. We need to reclaim the things God has ordained. The Bible has a lot to say about sex. Sex was/is God's idea! Therefore, His Word is the best manual for a class on sexuality. The purpose of this lesson is to present the biblical Christian view of human sexuality. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. God's Original Plan Included Sex

- A. We were created with equality.
 - Genesis 1:27, Galatians 3:28, I Peter 3:7
- B. We were created with diversity.
 - Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 33:20, Psalm 70:5, John 14:26
- C. We were created for intimacy.
 - Genesis 1:24-25, 28, 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6

II. God's People Had Sex

- A. We were created for reproduction.
 - Genesis 1:28, 5:1-32, 9:7, 11:10-26, Matthew 1:1-16
- B. We were created for reflection.
 - Genesis 1:26-27, 31, 2:18-25, 9:6, I Corinthians 11:7
- C. We were created for relationships.
 - Genesis 2:23-24, Matthew 19:5-6, Mark 10:7-8, Ephesians 5:31

III. God's Purpose Was Responsible Sex

- A. Husbands are given specific commands.
 - I Corinthians 7:3-5, Ephesians 5:25-28, 33, Colossians 3:19, I Peter 3:7
- B. Wives are given specific commands.
 - I Corinthians 7:3-5, Ephesians 5:24, Colossians 3:18, I Peter 3:1-2
- C. Both are given specific commands.
 - Not to separate (Matthew 19:6, Mark 10:9, I Corinthians 7:29)
 - Not to divorce (Matthew 5:31-32, Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18, Romans 7:2-3)
 - Live in harmony with one another (I Peter 3:8, Romans 12:16)

IV. God's Punishment Upon Those Who Abuse Sex

- A. Abortion Exodus 20:13, 21:22-25, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Proverbs 6:17
- B. Adultery Genesis 39:7-9, Exodus 20:14, Matthew 19:18-19, I Corinthians 5:11, 6:18-20
- C. Bestiality Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 18:23, 20:15-16, Deuteronomy 27:21
- D. Corrupt communication (indecent sexual jokes) Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8
- E. Covetous of your neighbor Exodus 20:17, Ezekiel 33:31, Mark 7:22
- F. Divorce (except under certain conditions) Malachi 2:16, Matthew 5:32, 19:9
- G. Homosexuality (sodomy) Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, I Corinthians 6:9-10, Jude 7
- H. Immodesty meant to entice sex Proverbs 7:10, Mark 12:38, I Timothy 2:9, I Peter 3:3
- l. Incest (sex w/relative) Genesis 19:30-36, Leviticus 18:6-18, 20:17, Deuteronomy 27:22-23
- J. Lust in the heart Matthew 5:28, John 8:44, Colossians 3:5-6, II Timothy 4:3, II Peter 2:14
- K. Marital unfaithfulness in marriage Matthew 19:9, Ephesians 5:21, 25, I Peter 3:7
- L. Neglect of your spouse I Corinthians 7:3-5, Ephesians 5:21-22
- M. Nudity Exodus 20:26, 28:41-43, Leviticus 18:6-23
- N. Pornography Exodus 20:17, Matthew 5:28, I Corinthians 15:33, Philippians 4:8
- O. Premarital masturbation (no self-control) Galatians 5:24, Ephesians 2:3, I Thessalonians 4:3-4
- P. Premarital anal or oral sex (sodomy) I Corinthians 6:18, I Timothy 1:10, Hebrews 13:4
- Q. Premarital sex Genesis 2:24-25, Mark 7:21, 10:6-8, Acts 15:20, Romans 1:29
- R. Prostitution (Illicit behavior) **Deuteronomy 27:20-23, I Corinthians 6:15-18**
- S. Rape Deuteronomy 22:23-29, II Samuel 12:13-14, Galatians 5:19-21
- T. Transgender meant to entice sex Leviticus 18:22, Deuteronomy 22:5, I Corinthians 6:9

<u>Conclusion</u>: Christians should avoid all forms of sexual sin because we are full of the Holy Spirit of God (I Corinthians 6:19-20, Galatians 5:19-23, Ephesians 5:1-5, Colossians 3:5-6, I Thessalonians 4:3-7, Revelation 21:7-8). We need to remind ourselves that God's plan is good. God loves sex! He created it, and each of us, with a wholesome purpose but we've found all kinds of ways to be evil (Ecclesiastes 7:29). Remember what the prophets have said (Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 55:9). Let God teach you what you need to know about sex (Hebrews 13:4, Song of Solomon).

If you struggle with sexual sin you must learn to make a covenant with your eyes (**Job 31:1**) and abstain from sexual immorality (**I Thessalonians 4:3-7**). Read the book of Proverbs and you will see that lust can entrench you (**Proverbs 6:20-29**), extinguish you (**Proverbs 6:30-35**), enable you (**Proverbs 7:1-9**), embarrass you (**Proverbs 7:10-20**), and entrap you (**Proverbs 7:21-23**). When you learn what is right... do it. When you know what is right... teach it. It may not be popular, or politically correct, but these are the words of truth that will stand forever! May God help us to follow His will!