

# The Holy Scriptures and Human Sexuality



## Sinful Society's Manipulation

### ► Sinful society taunts the truth.

John 18:37 Jesus answered... Everyone on the side of the truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

### ► Sinful society trades in the truth.

Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.  
John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

### ► Sinful society twists the truth.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

### ► Sinful society tries to terrorize the truth tellers.

Isaiah 30:10 They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.  
Isaiah 30:11 Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

### ► Scriptures tell the truth.

John 17:14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

## Scriptural Sexual Identity and Marriage

### 1. The Bible describes the provision of marriage between a man and a woman.

#### ► God created separate sexual identities, male and female.

Genesis 1:27 God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Mark 10:5 Jesus replied. 6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

Mark 10:7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one.

Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

#### ► God created a sacred institution, marriage between a male and a female.

Genesis 2:24 A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife...

Genesis 3:21 Adam and his wife...

#### ► God created sexual intimacy, made expressly and exclusively for marriage.

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Genesis 4:1 Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain.

#### ► God created spiritual integration, a spiritual joining of husband and wife.

Mark 10:8 They are no longer two, but one. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

### 2. The Bible describes the purposes of marriage between a man and a woman.

#### ► Marriage is for partnership.

Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

#### ► Marriage is for parenting.

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."

### 3. The Bible defines the parameters of marriage between a man and a woman.

#### ► The Bible calls for spiritual covenant and commitment in marriage.

1 Corinthians 7:39 A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives.

Malachi 2:15 Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. 16 "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel...

#### ► The Bible calls for sacrificial love and liberality in marriage.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Ephesians 5:33 Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

#### ► The Bible calls for sexual engagement and exclusivity in marriage.

1 Corinthians 7:3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. — 5 Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent...

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

### 4. The Bible discusses the potential for men and woman to remain unmarried.

#### ► Jesus authorized singleness for some.

Matthew 19:11 Jesus replied — 12 — and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

#### ► Paul advocated singleness for some.

1 Corinthians 7:7 I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

#### ► Paul preached abstinence for the single saints.

1 Corinthians 7:8 Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. 9 But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry,

# Sexual Immorality and Moral Mandates

## 1. The Bible defines and denounces sexual immorality.

### ▶ **Sexual immorality is denounced (any sexual relations outside of marriage).**

Acts 15:22-29 The apostle and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers...Greetings... You are to abstain from...sexual immorality.  
Romans 13:13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery...  
Ephesians 5:3 Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.  
Colossians 3:5 Put to death...whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires...

### ▶ **Adultery is denounced (sexual relations between a married person and someone else).**

Matthew 19:18 Jesus replied... "Do not commit adultery..."

### ▶ **Homosexuality is denounced (sexual relations between people of the same sex).**

Romans 1:26 God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.  
Romans 1:27 The men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.  
Romans 1:27 Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.  
1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral...nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders...will inherit the kingdom of God.

### ▶ **Polygamy is denounced by the New Testament (marrying more than one spouse) for leaders and laity.**

1 Timothy 3:2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,  
1 Timothy 3:12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.  
Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.  
Romans 7:3 So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law...

### ▶ **Lusting (indulging in sexual fantasies) using pornography is denounced.**

Matthew 5:28 I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
1 John 2:16 Everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.  
James 1:21 Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

### ▶ **The Old Testament Law denounces other forms of sexual immorality; the Apostles upheld these prohibitions.**

Acts 15:23 The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers... — 29 You are to abstain from... sexual immorality.  
Deuteronomy 22:5 **Cross-dressing**— A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.  
Exodus 22:19 **Bestiality**— Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal must be put to death.  
Leviticus 18:7-18 **Incest**— Do not have sexual relations with your... *parent/child, step-parent/step-child, sibling, grandchild, aunt/uncle, in-laws*

### ▶ **Jesus acknowledged anomalous birth defects, but Scriptures maintain their prohibitions of sexual immorality.**

Matthew 19:12 Some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven.

### ▶ **False teachers who mislead God's people regarding sexual immorality are denounced.**

Revelation 2:14 *to Pergamum*—You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by...committing sexual immorality.  
Revelation 2:20 *to Thyatira*—You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality...

## 2. The Bible declares the doom and destruction of the sexually immoral.

### ▶ **Sexual immorality breaks the bond with the body of believers.**

1 Corinthians 5:11 You must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral... With such a man do not even eat.

### ▶ **Sexual immorality frustrates and forfeits the favor of the Father.**

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived...  
1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders...will inherit the kingdom of God.

### ▶ **Sexual immorality evokes the expectation of eternal exclusion and endangerment.**

Hebrews 13:4 God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.  
Jude 7 Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.  
Jude 7 They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.  
Revelation 21:8 The cowardly, unbelieving, vile, murderers, sexually immoral...their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.  
Revelation 22:15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

## 3. The Bible demands the departure from sexual immorality.

James 1:21 Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.  
Ephesians 5:3 Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.  
Hebrews 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

## 4. The Bible declares deliverance from sexual immorality.

### ▶ **Forgiveness is available — so confess and repent.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### ▶ **Fortitude is available — so pray and worship and get into the Word of God.**

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;  
James 1:14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.  
1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

### ▶ **Flight is available — so don't flirt with temptation, flee from temptation.**

1 Corinthians 10:13 When you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.  
1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality.

### ▶ **The family of faith is available — so get some spiritual partners to lift you up.**

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

### ▶ **Final freedom is available — so rejoice and rise to live in victory and purity so that you may glorify God.**

1 Corinthians 6:11 That is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit...  
1 Corinthians 6:13 The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.  
Romans 6:13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life...  
Romans 12:1 I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Deuteronomy 30:19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life...