



Avoid The "Sex" Trap



The word sex is not in the Bible. That's because the original word 'sex' simply means the difference between male and female. Only in the last hundred years or so has the word begun to be openly used in ways that describe the attraction of individuals of one sex for another. Years ago, it was a word that nice ladies and gentlemen never spoke or wrote about because it referred to the private parts of the bodies of men and women that had to do with reproduction. That was a gentler day when modesty and chastity were virtues that were respected and maintained.

To compare that day to the way explicit sex is used today in a moral free-fall in our nation, can only be done by comparing the Garden of Eden to Sodom and Gomorrah.



The Garden of Eden was the paradise of God, created in perfect beauty and love. Sodom and Gomorrah was a place of horrible depravity created by man's perversion of love into a sexual cesspool that was so morally depraved God had to wipe it from the face of the earth by raining down fire and brimstone from heaven until the people and the cities were burned to ashes, never to be rebuilt. That's how much God hates sexual perversion, pornography, adultery and fornication.

God created male and female so they could reproduce. *"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it."* (Genesis 1:27,28a)

People have distorted God's original plan to the extent that sex has now become a marketing tool to sell everything from cars, to food, to toothpaste. The sexual content of television, internet and other forms of media expose us to sexually graphic images on a daily basis, affecting family life and society as a whole.

Sex has become a dividing line between belief and obedience to a holy God, and rebellion and sin against Him. Since the time of Abraham the sin of sodomy has been an abomination to God. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were so evil that Abraham's nephew Lot and his family were the only righteous family in the entire region. And when God sent two angels to rescue Lot's family, before He destroyed it with fire and brimstone, the men of the city were so evil they surrounded Lot's house demanding the men (they didn't know they were angels) to be sent out so they could have sexual relations with them. (Genesis 19:1-24)

If God destroyed an entire city due to the perverse behavior of its inhabitants then we will surely see some form of God's wrath poured out on our nation and the world. *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold back the truth and make it useless and of no effect."* (Romans 1:18)

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The Apostle Paul wrote those words to the Christians in Rome because some of them were sinning in such wickedness and depravity that God gave them over to their morally polluted, perverted minds which had no conscience.

“So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.”

(Romans 1:24-28 NLT)

Women and girls enter into lesbian relationships as a substitute for a relationship with a man. There are many unknown and some known reasons for this, but it all comes down to a perversion of what God originally intended sex for. If these women could see themselves through Jesus’ eyes, they would strive to never again defile the God-given gift of womanhood that He honors highly.



When Adam and Eve came together sexually and conceived the first baby on earth (Cain), God described their sexual union by saying, “Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived and born Cain . . .” (Genesis 4:1) The word “knew” means to understand and to have knowledge of, as well as be intimate with. God created Eve from a rib taken from Adam. Adam called her bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh and said, “Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave (be joined together) unto his wife and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24) This is God’s perfect plan for sex – based on respect and understanding.

Matthew repeats this verse in the New Testament when the Pharisees questioned him about divorce. Matthew added another verse to it, saying, “Therefore they are no more two people, but one in the flesh. What God has joined together let no man put apart. Moses allowed you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts; but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you now, ‘Whoever puts away his wife, except for fornication, and marries another woman commits adultery’ (breaking the 7th Commandment).” (Matthew 19:6,8,9) It is obvious why homosexuality and other sexual perversions are so hated by God.

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Because of the breaking of God's laws regarding sex and marriage women are being forsaken and abandoned at an alarming rate in our nation. Approximately a third of US children are brought up in single parent households. Women face a many pressures to have premarital sex. What he is really saying is "satisfy my lust." And when the woman gets pregnant, don't look around for him because he has gone to another woman's bed to create another child who will be fatherless.



If you are now alone, I beseech you in the Name of Jesus, to respect yourself too much to give yourself away to a man before marriage. If he asks you to do that, he does not love you. If you have cravings for sexual intercourse with someone outside of marriage, take steps to protect yourself from acting out on these feelings. When meeting with male friends or dating relationships keep it public. Ask a trusted confident to be your accountability partner; talk through challenges with her and ask her to hold you accountable to appropriate dating behavior. Billy Graham advises, "Keep the Bible between you and him, and your feet on the floor." It's a humorous anecdote but there's wisdom behind it. Prayerfully consider and seek counsel on why you desire to put sexual intimacy with a man before your relationship with God.

When you join yourself in the flesh with another person, that person becomes part of you and the two of you become one flesh. When you join yourself in the spirit with Jesus as Savior you become one spirit with Him. "*Anyone that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.* *Flee fornication. Every other sin that a person does is outside the body, but when a person commits fornication (sex outside of marriage) they sin against their own body. What! know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price (the blood of Jesus) therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's!!!"* (I Corinthians 6:17-20)



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This is one of those studies that does not lend itself to questions and answers because of the nature of the material.

Instead, let the readers discuss the issues that were covered in the study, review the Scripture verses, share their own experiences with any of the issues covered and then have a time of prayer.

If anyone has been involved in any of the sins mentioned reassure her of the power of the blood of Jesus that washes away all sin. Read 1 John 5:14,15 and Psalm 51 – especially verses 9 thru 12. Read Psalm 103:1-4. Ask her to repent and pray the prayer of faith in Jesus.

Read what Jesus said to the sinful woman in Luke 7:47-50, and read Ephesians 4:32 and close with 1 John 1:5-9.

MEMORY VERSE: (1 Corinthians 6:19) “Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, and you are not your own?”

