

Immorality

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Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Revelation to the world today. God disapproves of sexuality immorality and will judge those who have sex outside of marriage. This includes pornography which destroys the intimacy of marriage. Ephesians 5:3 says, “Sexual immorality must not even be named among you.” In the NT alone, God speaks about the evil of immorality 86 times. Marriage is to be held in honor! God doesn't have any issues with sex within the bounds of marriage. “The marriage bed” is a euphemism for sexual intercourse. God considers the physical side of marriage important and pure. God created sex and intended it to be pleasurable. Read Proverbs and the Song of Solomon. God commands the husband and wife not to withhold sex from one another.

1 Corinthians 7:3 (ESV)

The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.

We need to understand why God is so empathically resolute against immorality, sex outside marriage, and why HE will personally judge those who violate HIS commandment.

#1 God considers marriage sacred and sexual intercourse is an integral part of marriage.

Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Marriage is not a man-made institution. God established marriage and created it for a reason.

#2 The union of the husband and wife in marriage is a “physical picture” of the spiritual truth of the love, oneness, and intimacy that Jesus established with the church culminating when Jesus returns enduring for all eternity.

Revelation 19:7 (ESV)

Let us rejoice and exult for the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and his Bride (the Church) has made herself ready.

Revelation 21:9 (ESV)

Come, I will show you the Bride (the Church), the wife of the Lamb (Jesus).

This is the eternal picture of the oneness and intimacy we will have with Christ.

#3 God Himself has established the marriage relationship including the sexual relationship that gives us a “hint of the depths of oneness” we will have with Christ for all eternity:

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

This reveals the divine majesty of marriage.

Also, this shows “the horror” of how sex outside of marriage destroys the picture of Christ and the church. Immorality destroys the beautiful picture of our eternal intimate relation with Christ.

Listen to how Paul speaks to those he led to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV)

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

We are the pure virgin presented to Christ our husband. Paul is saying, “How can you destroy your intimacy with Christ by having sex outside of marriage.” **Now take note of the horror of immorality. Listen and shutter because no other explanation is needed.**

1 Corinthians 6:15 (ESV)

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

Horror! Sex outside of marriage makes Jesus a participant of our immorality.

1 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV)

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

This is quoting Gen.2:24. Absolute horror! In their immorality Jesus has been made one with a prostitute.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own.**

We are not our own. We belong to Christ. Sex outside of marriage gives opportunity to the devil, grieves the Holy Spirit, and brings the wrath of God. But even worse, God abhors the fact that we would make Jesus one with our immorality and totally destroyed the picture HE intended for Christ and the church.

Honor Jesus! Don't have sex outside of marriage.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.