

Marriage: Love of Another Kind
#2 When Sexuality Is Abused

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Introduction:

Last week—Genesis 1:26-27; 2:24 & 3:1-10.

- Created in the image of God as sexual beings.
- Our sexuality is a spiritual issue.
- Whether we are married or not, we are sexual beings and have feelings, needs, desires, longings, etc.
- Adam & Eve's story is our story! Naked before God we run and hide in shame & fear....Yet, God seeks us out to communicate, clothe and care for us.

I. Two ONGOING Spiritual Realities Hindering Our Relationship with God:

A. Our sin! How we view ourselves before God!

B. Satan, The Accuser! What he tells God about our sin! (Rev. 12:10; Jn. 8:44).
This is particularly true when it comes to our sexuality!
The good news is that our sexuality has been redeemed by the blood of the lamb (Rev. 12:11).

But we must never lose our sensitivity for God!
Ephesians 4:17-24; 5:1-5.

YOUR DESIRE TO SEEK GOD AND PLEASE GOD IS THE KEY TO YOUR SEXUALITY!

II. Sexual relations are gifts from God for the marital union ONLY!

A. Sexual sins: fornication, pre-marital and extra-marital sex, seduction, rape, sodomy, bestiality, incest, prostitution & homosexuality. (Leviticus 18, Rom. 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 6:19) Whether you know the consequences of these sin intellectually, by choice or as a victim, they are all sins against personhood—the image of God in you!

B. Sin is sin, but sexual sins are unique!
1 Corinthians 6:18—Flee from sexual immorality.
“All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he sins sexually against his own body.”
1. Sin against God!
2. Sin against Body!

C. This is why sexual sins become so addictive!
1. It is part of us—our being, identity!

All sin is addictive if not confessed! Addiction is a Latin word meaning-nailed to/attached.
Sexual sins create such despair!

Mt. 15:19—"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications....These are the things that defile a man."

"Sexual sins enslave us. Every time we sin by misusing the sexual parts of our bodies, or by indulging in erotic fantasy, by pursuing pornography, or paying for time on erotic telephone numbers, their power over our behavior increases. Sexual sin is sin because it is idolatry."

John White, Eros Redeemed, p. 45

2 Peter 2:19b—"For a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him."

2. Point in Case: Isaraelites at Shittim!
(1 Cor. 10:7-8; 12-13)
(Num. 22-24; 25:1)—24,000 killed in one day! It a significant event in Israels history—Moses, Joshua, Nehemiah, Hosea, Micah, Peter, Jude and John and Paul all refer to this incident.

In the Grip of SATAN:

Pornography?

Affairs?—Proverbs 5:15-23

Two areas where Satan has truly devoured
- 1 Peter 5:8

So What?

1. Be honest--
 - what's going on in your life & heart?
 - what have you done that needs forgiven?
 - what are you doing that needs to be confessed?
 - what are you struggling with that you need support?Psalm 32:1-5
2. Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ! (2 Cor. 10:5)
3. Humble yourself and he will lift you up!

If you don't desire to seek God, it is doubtful that you will win the war in your flesh or soul!

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