

Why Sex?

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We live in a society where absurd silliness permeates the thoughts and minds of our leaders and teachers. Concepts and ideas are taught and promoted to our children and adults that have no basis in the reality of science and the actual facts of life. There are great amounts of misinformation and confusing thoughts and ideas promoted about sex, the purposes of sex and sexual identity. Many of these erroneous thoughts and ideas are promoted and protected by recently enacted legislations over the last several decades and by the rule of law. Many legislative and enforced concepts of sexual morals and sexual identity, in my opinion, are absurd silliness and wrong.

I want to briefly look at the science and what the Bible says about the reason for sex. These are concepts we need to understand and be willing to support and if we do support, defend. No matter how hard people try, natural laws created by God cannot be legislated out of existence. The study of the science of biology supports facts which are discoverable by science as well as by casual observation. The facts are, there are distinct male and female physical differences within most complex kinds of species of living organisms. Scientific observation also demonstrates that within each kind of creature, the overwhelming purpose for sexual differences is for the purpose of procreation. Genesis 1:20 is the fifth day of creation.

Genesis 1:20 *Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."*

21) *So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

22) *And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."*

23) *So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. (NKJV)*

The words *be fruitful* is a translation of the Hebrew word, pronounced *parah* which is Strong's #6509. God's intention, when He created the sea creatures and the birds, was that they would be fruitful and multiply. That happens in most cases with male DNA combining with female DNA in the same species or kind, which produces offspring. Turn to Genesis 6. At some point in the first thousand years in human existence, the wickedness of humans had become so great and harmful that God decided to destroy all of humanity, except for Noah and at least some of his immediate family. Noah at a minimum had three sons, he was 500 years old when his three sons were born, or about that age. Considering his age, very likely he had more than just the three sons. If he did, they were all lost in the flood. The process of destroying humanity meant that without intervention all air breathing creatures would have been destroyed. Noah was instructed to save the creatures by following God's instructions. Noah was to provide for

their safety and make provisions for how they were to be fed. God's instructions were recorded in Genesis 6:19.

Genesis 6:19 *And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20) Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. (NKJV)*

So, God commanded that Noah was to bring the creatures into the Ark as pairs. The purpose was to keep them alive so that they could breed and repopulate the earth. Turn to Genesis 8, to when the flood was over, God commanded Noah to bring all the creatures out of the Ark and turn them loose.

Genesis 8:17 *Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” (NKJV)*

Again, God's intention was for all the creatures on the Ark to leave the Ark and *be fruitful*. This word *fruitful* in this verse is also listed in Strong's concordance as #6509 but the word here is a little different in the Hebrew. The word has an extra character in there and it's *uparah* which literally means the same as the English word, "breed". God's intention was for each species saved on the Ark "to breed and repopulate the earth". The word *breed* in the verb form means to "mate and have offspring". This term "to mate" essentially means for a male and female pair to have sex. In other words, concerning the Ark, God wanted all the creatures saved on the Ark to breed and repopulate the earth, and that included the humans. For humans, God also created them male and female for the purpose of recreation.

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (NKJV)*

Humans are special, humans have the unique privilege of being created in God's image.

28) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (NKJV)

The phrase *be fruitful* here is the same word that we saw in verse 22. The *parah* which is Strong's #6509 and which means "to be fruitful, producing offspring". God's blessing to Adam and Eve was for them to have many children and thereby multiply on the earth. Look ahead to chapter 2:7.

Genesis 2:7 *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

Something that I think is important to note is that Adam was created from the dust of the ground. He was not created from any other living creature before him. Skip to verse 21, which begins with the detailed description of the creation of Eve.

21) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22) Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23) And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." (NKJV)

Notice the difference here; Adam was created from the dust of the ground, from lifeless dirt. God breathed into Adam, but Eve was created from Adam. There is no mention of Eve having to have life breathed into her. Eve was created from Adam which included the life that God had already given to Adam. Eve received life through Adam. Every human being that has come into existence after the creation of Eve has come out of the woman. In verse 24.

24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (NKJV)

I want you to notice, I think it's important to note that it specifically says his wife. Notice the purpose of creating Adam and Eve as male and female; from the two they become one through the institution of marriage. A man is to leave his parents and be joined with his wife. A woman becomes a wife through marriage, marriage is an institution created by God. Notice in verse 25.

25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (NKJV)

The verse refers to Eve as Adam's wife. The narrative concerns the sixth day. So Chapter 2 is a reiteration and emphasis on the creation of Adam and Eve on the sixth day. The narrative concerns the sixth day and by the end of the sixth day, Adam and Eve were married and that's the point. Adam and Eve were married on the sixth day. Chapter 2 describes a creation of Adam and Eve, which was on the sixth day, in more detail than we saw in chapter 1. Now I want to go back to chapter 1 and look a little more closely at the creation of the institution of marriage. Genesis 1, verse 28 God put all living things on the earth under the dominion of Adam and Eve. Verse 28 begins with the words *Then God blessed them*. Verse 29 and 30 is a continuation of that blessing. Verses 28-30 are unique and special to humans. Humans are created in the image of God. The male and female genders for humans have more meaning and purpose than only procreation. These three verses are a blessing and a pronouncement. Marriage is an institution that was created by God for humans. God never intended for humans to have sex outside of the marriage commitment. Jesus tells us that was the case from the

very beginning. Continuing in verse 29, I want to go over this blessing that God was giving them.

29) And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

30) Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. (NKJV)

In the blessing which was a marriage blessing—He was blessing them as a couple—Adam and Eve were given dominion over the earth. He gave them the bounty and produce of the earth. Then the following verse clarifies that these events occurred on the sixth day. In verse 31 it says:

31) Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (NKJV)

Now I want to go over to chapter 5 of Genesis. I heard a Jewish Rabbi say that Adam and Eve cohabitated for a time outside of marriage, before God was able to create the institution of marriage. The idea that God would allow them to live together and have sex before they were married, to me, is preposterous. God created humans as male and female so they would have sex and procreate within the structure of family. He created them male and female on the sixth day and on that day, He blessed them. Notice in Genesis 5:1.

Genesis 5:1 *This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. (NKJV)*

This is a book that was inserted into Genesis.

2) He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. (NKJV)

So, on the day Adam was created, he was created in the likeness of God, on that day, on the same day, Eve was created and also on that same day, the blessings were pronounced giving Adam and Eve, as a couple, married by God, dominion over the creatures of the earth. So as a recap, on the sixth day God created Adam from the dust of the ground. He created Eve from Adam and created marriage by officiating and blessing their union as a married couple. In Mark 10:6, in answering the question of the Pharisees and the people of His day, Jesus clarified that from the very beginning God created the institution of marriage and He said in verse 6:

Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. ' (NKJV)

He was quoting Genesis 1:27.

- 7) *For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,*
8) *and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.* (NKJV)

He's quoting from Genesis 2:24. God expects both husband and wife to be faithful and fully committed to marriage. Marriage is supposed to last as long as both husband and wife are alive. God is not in favor of divorce. Jesus' instruction to the Pharisees is that God did not condone divorce. Let's look in Mark 10:9.

- 9) *Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.*" (NKJV)

God is the One Who established marriage. Tearing apart a family through divorce is an active rebellion against God and His institution of marriage. Later, Jesus gave more clarification on the matter to his disciples. In verse 11 of Mark.

- 11) *So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.*
12) *And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."* (NKJV)

Divorce results in adultery. Adultery is specifically breaking the seventh commandment of the ten. Remember the Ten Commandments, the fifth one relates directly to family. *Honor your father and mother.* The sixth, *You shall not murder* and the seventh, *You shall not commit adultery.* You can find that in Exodus 20:14. God said in verse 9 that from the beginning, God did not intend that married couples should divorce. Actually romance, sex, love, within the marriage binds the couple together. There should be no desire for divorce if everything is working correctly and everybody is following the rules. According to Napoleon Hill, author of the 1937 classic book Think and Grow Rich, he emphasized that within marriage, love and sex are the top two stimuli that produce the greatest enthusiasm, creative imagination and intense desire. Love, sex and romance are the most powerful motivating forces for most adult humans. Fortunes are spent consuming stories, songs and music about human love relationships. Napoleon stated in his book, that man's greatest motivating desire is to please women. Mr. Hill stated that:

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If a woman permits her husband to lose interest in her, it is usually because of her ignorance or indifference toward the subject of sex, love and romance.

In the same paragraph he says that the facts are equally applicable to a man who permits his wife's interest in him to die.

Male-Female commitment in marriage is the most fundamental building block for a strong and stable society. The lure of a strong marriage for both men and women is usually the greatest influencing factor motivating both to work hard and to do what is necessary to prosper within that marriage. According to Napoleon Hill, men by nature desire to appear great in the eyes of a woman. As an example, remember the horrible consequences when the King Saul thought that the women of the kingdom were mocking him. He became angry and thought the women were more impressed with his loyal subject David than with him. Saul's reaction was jealousy, hate and eventually a desire to kill David. Mr. Hill's point was that a husband and wife need to harness and use to their advantage, a man's drive for sex, love and romance and his passion to please a woman.

My point is that God created unique male and female passions and attributes as the basis for cooperative and profitable relationships. That relationship in marriage is intended to produce righteous character and Godly offspring. There are advantages to marriage, but obviously not everyone will marry and not every marriage will produce children. However, everyone has the responsibility to conduct themselves in such a way that does not damage marriage relationships and to contribute, as they are able to, the attainment to God's intention. God's intention is that we all, as many as will individually, develop God's Godly character.

Let's go back to Genesis 3. Sex outside of the commitment and institution of marriage is also destructive to the cohesive fiber and structure of society. The destructive influence is usually felt by all within the family and by those close by with relationships outside of the family. Particularly hard hit are the married couple and their children. The damage done to the children often lasts and carries on into the next generation and beyond. The reality is, adultery, which is sex outside of marriage, can be enticing.

Genesis 3:6 *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (NKJV)*

So, in our mind's eye, for most of us, sex is pleasant and desirable just like the forbidden tree in the garden. The enticement of sex outside of marriage is a test. We all must resist the enticement. Failure to do so will likely result in similar destructive results as the forbidden fruit was to Adam and Eve and their children. In verse 7.

7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. (NKJV)

For Adam and Eve, when the thrill of thinking they were getting away with something was over, the consequences of their mistake sank in. When the passion involved with

sex outside of marriage is over, the consequences of the guilt and shame start to roll in. Shortly thereafter the damage to human family relationships can be felt. In 1 Corinthians 6, the consequences of rebellion against God's instruction were horrible for Adam and Eve and most for their immediate descendants. God warns of permanent and dire consequences for sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:9 *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites ... (NKJV)*

So, every kind of sexual activity with any partner outside of the marriage is forbidden by God. In verse 10.

10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Unless repented of, sexual sins will keep you out of the Kingdom of God. Failure to obey God will result in eternal death. That is provided we don't repent. Obviously, God gives us the opportunity to repent, but failure to repent and the results are dire. One might ask why is sex outside of marriage such an abomination? Fundamentally, sexual infidelity breaks down the fibers of commitment and cohesive bonding and love within a marriage. The physical, emotional mechanisms for understanding these concepts was created by God for our admonition. Attempting to legislate out of existence the realities created by God is intentional and violent rebellion against God. The entire process of sexual infidelity is full of lies, cheating and deception. In those circumstances the family relationship that should be characterized as welded together by love, trust and bonding, will deteriorate and ultimately fall apart.

Look at Malachi 2. God does not lie, cheat or deceive. A person having sex outside of marriage does all three. Violence is normally the ultimate result. God talks about that in Malachi 2:16.

Malachi 2:16 *For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. (NKJV)*

Covering one's garments with violence is not talking about defiling your clothes. This is talking about your body which shelters the spirit of man. All humans receive from God the spirit of man before birth. Covering one's garment is speaking of the damage which is done to both husband and wife by infidelity. Violence causes damage and injury.

16 continued) ... "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously." (NKJV)

Take heed to your spirit. The treachery and resulting damage to the marriage relationship will actually cause damage to the spirit of man given to you by God. The damage to your spirit and the spirit of your spouse may be so severe that God's Holy

Spirit may never be given to you. Or if you have God's Holy Spirit, that spirit may be quenched. God says "*take heed to your spirit.*" Physical actions have spiritual consequences. Notice verse 10.

10) Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers?

11) Judah has dealt treacherously, And an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, For Judah has profaned The LORD's holy institution which He loves: He has married the daughter of a foreign god. (NKJV)

Notice that, marriage is a holy institution. How has God's, Yehovah's, holy institution of marriage, which He loves, been profaned? God has always forbidden Israel to be unequally yoked in marriage to those who reject God and His instructions. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians that the ban on being unequally yoked has been extended to Christians. If you are already unequally yoked, work hard to the best of your ability to build and maintain that relationship, conducting yourself in a manner consistent with righteousness. Your righteous example of faithfulness may result in your spouse repenting and serving God. Many people and nations reject God and believe He is unfair and unjust in how He deals with humanity. Skewing the purposes of sex and sexual identity are manifestations of that rebellion and hatred toward God. Notice who is included in the warning described in this chapter. Let's move up to chapter 1 of Malachi, verse 2.

Malachi 2:1 *And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. (NKJV)*

So, the warning is for the priests, the priests of Israel, were a type of the spiritual priests that God is preparing through Jesus Christ. In Exodus 19:5-6 Israel was offered an opportunity to become a kingdom of priests. Those of us in the Ecclesia, those led by God's Holy Spirit are also being raised up as a kingdom of priests. The warning here is intended for us and in principle for all humanity. In Malachi 2:13, I would like to finish this off.

Malachi 2:13 *And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands.*

14) Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.

15) But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. (NKJV)

God created sex and the passion surrounding sex as a basis for developing righteous character and obedience to God. Human passions for love, sex and romance are driving emotional forces to be used for our success in building strong family relationships within the fundamental, holy institution of marriage.