

“The Holiness Code: Biblical Sexuality” (Part 2)
Leviticus 18-20

“When we walk in sin, normalize sin, and minimize the severity of sin, we reject the wisdom of God. When we reject the wisdom of God, we reject God. When we reject God, we spend eternity in Hell.”

- How is Biblical Sexuality different from the world’s view on sexuality?
 - *Marriage* is ordained by God and defined by God and meant to be held in honor among all (Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:5-6; Hebrews 13:4).
 - *Gender* is created by God, defined by God, and meant to be held in honor for the glory of God (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; Titus 2:1-6; Ephesians 5:22-33).
 - *Sex* is meant to be about God and our spouse, not about us. Sex from the Christian Worldview is *selfless worship*. *“There is a holy and humble and self-sacrificing competition to make the other maximally glad in Christ.” (John Piper)*
 - Sex, gender, and marriage are all worship of God when done in obedience to God’s Word. It is worship of self when done in disobedience to God’s Word (1 Samuel 15:22; 1 John 5:2-3; Romans 12:1-2; Acts 20:35).
 - Biblical sex, gender, and marriage is selfless (Romans 12:10; Ephesians 5:25 & 28; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Galatians 5:13-15).
 - *Biblical sex/sexuality* is a physical, spiritual, and emotional delight. Worldly sex is physically, spiritually, and emotionally damaging.
 - *Physical*: Physical delight is found in the act of sex inside of the bonds of marriage. We share our resources, we share our time, and we share our experiences in a way that God blesses inside the bonds of marriage.
 - *Spiritual*: We grow spiritually by walking in obedience to God. Any act in obedience leads to spiritual delight. We pray for and with one another. We encourage one another with the Word of God, and we strive to be holy leading to deeper trust and intimacy. This act also protects from temptation to sin.
 - *Emotional*: We grow emotionally because of the trust and security of a covenant. God makes a covenant with us to give us peace, trust, security, love, forgiveness, and stability. In the same way we experience these emotional benefits in striking a covenant with one another and honoring that covenant. We rejoice together and weep together in intimate trustworthiness.
 - Biblical sexuality must be kept pure. That is, we cannot compromise on what the Bible calls sin, because we are robbing people from God-glorifying obedience.
 - The Bible declares these acts as sin:
 - *Fornication/Pre-marital sex; Adultery; Incest; Homosexuality; Bestiality; Lustful thoughts/masterbation; and Pedophilia, or any sex between two people who are not husband and wife.*
- The World’s view on sexuality:
 - We have the right to define sexuality and gender as people and do not need to submit to the authority of God’s Word. Our feelings are supreme to God’s Word.
 - When it comes to sexuality, people are basically good. All but the most heinous sexual acts should be viewed as good and beneficial. All consensual sex is good because it is simply an act of personal gratification.

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- It is normal and necessary to engage in sexual activity without any biblically imposed standards. Since sexuality is only a physical function there is no need to worry about long term damage being done.
- Sex is simply a form and function of fun and pleasure and is permissible to enjoy recreationally with consenting partners.
- Fulfilling sexual desires and whims is more important than obedience to God. Fulfilling sexual desires is more important than glorifying God in our relationships.
- Instant gratification is supreme and more fulfilling than delayed temporal and eternal satisfaction.