

Sexual Freedom?

Public Schools, Planned Parenthood, Feminists and a multitude of others have for years been promoting sexual freedom of male and female as young as eight years of age. The Humanist doctrine of “Values Clarification” which is used in all sex education classes is responsible for the permissive nature of society today. The goal of humanists is to eliminate everything that has to do with the religious principles of the Bible, and to promote a “No value” system of anything goes! However the venue through which God has given mankind the privilege to discuss and practice sex is in the marriage relationship; between one man and one woman.

NO ONE has the right to participate in sexual acts outside the institution of marriage. Sadly we have come to a point in our so-called “enlightened” state, that fornication being a sin is all but forgotten. We are told “if it feels good or right do it,” while song lyrics tell us “If loving you is wrong, I don’t want to be right.” Feminism, moral relativism, and evolutionism have been very good ‘bed-fellows’ with the god of this world. Saturating our nation with sexual temptations galore, as well as telling us that we must never deny our “animal” urges, humanists are destroying the very fabric of our society. Satan knows our weaknesses well and has perpetrated upon us every conceivable indulgence in fleshly immorality. Of course we must realize that this is nothing new as Solomon points out, “*there is nothing new under the sun*” (Ecclesiastes 1:9), but it is relatively new to our culture.

From the Greek word *porneia*, fornication is defined as “*the practice of sexual immorality and prostitution, and is a symbol of idolatry. It refers to every kind of sexual intercourse outside the institution of marriage, hence, homosexuality, incest, rape, bestiality, shacking up, pre-marital sex, pedophilia, and adultery.*” In fact, it is the sin of fornication that God has given as the ONLY reason for the divorcing of one’s spouse (Matthew 19:9; 5:32). With these aspects of fornication in mind, let’s look at God’s view of the multitude of sexual sins involved in this one word.

Pre-Marital Sex & Shacking-Up

Perhaps the most abused form of fornication today is that of teenage pre-marital sex and shacking-up before marriage. Sexual immorality has become a national epidemic since the 1970’s sexual revolution. Most people today see nothing wrong with a couple “*living together*” outside of the sanctity of marriage; feeling they need the time to get used to each other before committing themselves for life. Even the older generation is finding shacking up a viable solution when their spouse dies, so that they can continue receiving Social Security while sharing the expenses. Whatever the reasons, it is still sinful and outside the purview of God’s will. God says, “*Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither FORNICATORS, ...nor adulterers...shall inherit the kingdom of God*” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). “*The body is NOT for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body*” (1 Corinthians 6:13). “*This is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality*” (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

Another fallacy that has been perpetrated upon our youth is the idea that once a couple is engaged (having a date and a ring), they now have license to engage in sexual intercourse. This is just as much fornication as is teenage sex for fun or shacking up together before marriage. Paul said, “*Nevertheless to avoid fornication, let EVERY man have his own wife, and let EVERY woman have her own husband*” (1 Corinthians 7:2). An engagement ring and wedding date does not equal being married or becoming husband and wife; thereby permitting sex! God said, “*This you know with certainty, that **no immoral or impure person...has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God...because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience***” (Ephesians 5:5-6). Men and women become disobedient toward God’s will when they allow their raging hormones to dictate their actions. It should be the case that all men and women maintain self-control and wait for the proper time when they become husband and wife before God

and witnesses to engage in sex, rather than following the crowd of unchaste fornicators.

Homosexuality

How unfortunate that we live in a world where the depraved ideology of some is becoming widely accepted as normal and God given behavior. It is only because the few are more vocal than the many, that homosexuality is being protected, promoted, and problematic. Advocated as being ‘gay,’ they are allowed to promote their perversion in our schools as an “alternative lifestyle,” or a “sexual preference.” Many denominations have jumped on the band wagon of acceptance allowing openly practicing fornicators to become their religious leaders, thus granting legitimacy to this sinful practice.

The fact of the matter is that homosexuality is sexually immoral. They are not born that way, it is their choice to degenerate themselves to such a low level of ungodly behavior. God has condemned this immoral practice from the beginning when He created for Adam a helpmeet; a helper suitable for him – Eve, a woman – and the two became one flesh (man and wife) (Genesis 2:18-25). The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because they had totally given in to this sinful behavior (Genesis 19:4-5). God warned the Israelites, “*thou SHALT NOT lie with mankind as with womankind, it is an abomination*” (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13). The Apostle Paul issues a caveat to all who make the choice to leave the natural use of the woman for a man, or the natural use of a man for a woman; such will not see heaven (Romans 1:25-32). In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Paul speaks of those who are fornicators which include homosexuals, but he also adds the effeminate, which refers to men and boys who allow themselves to be used in a homosexual manner. Again, these fornicators cannot receive the hope of heaven if they do not repent and turn away from such sinful activity. It is the duty of every man and woman in the world to live righteously, soberly and godly, and not to give in to lust and fleshly desires (Titus 2:11).

Prostitution

It is said that prostitution is the world’s oldest profession. While that may be true, it is one that no one should be proud of. The excuse has often been given that it was the only way a woman could make a good living. The sad reality is that prostitution has always been a sin that exploits women and even men for the purpose of selfish pleasure, and monetary gain. This form of fornication certainly does nothing to promote the sacred nature of sex as God intended, but instead cheapens, commercializes, and corrupts it.

“*They, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of EVERY KIND of impurity with greediness*” (Ephesians 4:19). God warns, “*consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire...for it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come*” (Colossians 3:5-6). “*Do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts*” (Romans 6:12). Certainly, prostitution is one sin that this world can afford to live without.

Pedophilia & Incest

While the internet has its advantages, it also has its vices. We are told not to be ignorant of Satan’s devices used to entangle us in sinful acts, yet far too many have become ignorant of this most destructive sin. Pedophilia and incest are kiss’n cousins. Pedophilia refers to someone having sex with children, as incest is having sex with one’s own child. Sadly the world’s wisdom has categorized this as an illness (psychosexual disorder), but God calls it a sin. There are some 100,000 websites involved in child porn promoting pedophilia as normal behavior. The North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) and others would like to see the current age of consent changed from 16 to 12! It is reported that 1 of 6 boys and 1 of 3 girls will be victimized by a parent, teacher, priest, or someone they met on the internet. We are told that “*Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications... these are the things which*

defile the man” (Matthew 15:19-20; Mark 7:20-23). We are not born with such desires, nor do we contract it as an illness, it is a choice. James said, “Each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by HIS OWN LUST. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death” (James 1:14-15). We must work diligently to protect our children from these sins, by exposing anyone involved, and encouraging them to maintain self-control.

Adultery

Fidelity to one’s spouse has become almost extinct in our “enlightened” society. It is because men and women have accepted Satan’s view of marriage as an “outdated,” “take-it-or-leave-it,” institution, that adultery has not only become acceptable, it is even expected. This breach of marriage vows through sexual intercourse of another is glamorized on television, movie screens, and in romance novels. We are so desensitized to it that this form of fornication is as common place as shacking-up! The seventh commandment stated in no uncertain terms, “Thou Shalt NOT commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14), yet many couples who hold the Ten Commandments as observable law, conveniently forget this one.

Solomon warned, “He that commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding: He who does it destroys his soul” (Proverbs 6:32). The fact of the matter is that there is more than one type of adultery; there are four: 1) Sex between two people not married to each other – with at least one of them being married to another; 2) Mental adultery which can lead one to physical adultery; 3) Spiritual adultery which is the worship of idols, etc. and 4) Adultery which results from the unlawful marriage of two people not free to be married. This last one is just as much a problem in today’s world as is a cheating spouse.

First and foremost, adultery is sin against God, then against another person or persons (Genesis 39:9). Jesus pointed out that marriage was for life between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-9). The ONLY reason for divorcing one’s spouse is because they have committed fornication – of which adultery

is one aspect. ONLY the innocent party is then free to divorce and remarry someone who is also free to marry. God does not allow the guilty party to marry because they will be committing adultery. In today’s world, with governments allowing “no-fault” divorce many couples have unsuspectingly married someone who is not free to marry, or maybe both parties in the marriage are not free to marry another. Whatever the case, a multitude of couples are living in adultery and will pay the ultimate price on Judgment Day (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Paul warned “You shall not commit adultery” (Romans 13:9). The author of Hebrews said, “Let the marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4).

Conclusion

God created within each of us certain needs and drives that are not wrong in and of themselves. We have also been created with the freedom of choice, the ability to reason as well as to control our urges. Because we are sexual beings, we face two dangers when it comes to sex; 1) Over emphasizing it and, 2) Under emphasizing it. Both are Biblically wrong, and both can cause problems. Only when we maintain a Biblical balance as God would have it, will attitudes toward sex become moral and healthy. It does not matter if men and women want to accept it or not; God approves of heterosexual intercourse in marriage **ALONE** (1 Corinthians 7:2; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). It must be realized that sex and marriage go hand in hand. It provides a way of saying to each other, “I love you,” which cannot be expressed in any other way. Sexuality is a gift of God (Genesis 2:18; 1 Timothy 2:13-14). That is why fornication cheapens the sexual experience that God meant for every man and woman to have in marriage. Sex outside of marriage is devoid of the spiritual and personal meaning as it was intended in the beginning. Paul reminds us, “The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to **DENY UNGODLINESS and WORLDLY DESIRES** and to live sensibly,

righteously and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:11-12).

The porn industry only furthers the sin of fornication by introducing such ungodly attitudes towards sex as... ‘group sex & swingers clubs, bestiality, and sadomasochism;’ whereby demonstrating a total disregard for God’s law of physical conduct. Permissiveness in any society spawns illegitimacy, abuse, rape, divorce, and disregard for others, just to name a few. Solomon said, “**Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people**” (Proverbs 14:34). It was the sin of fornication that brought down the Roman Empire, and it will be this same sin that will destroy our own if we either fail or refuse to bring our thoughts into check.

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