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## Old Testament Scriptures Related to Sexuality

## A. God's View of Sexuality

**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."

God created both male and female, in His own image.

**Genesis 1:31** – "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

All God had created, (both male and female) was very good.

## B. Sexual Relationships for Pleasure in Marriage

**Genesis 2:23-25** – "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.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

**Ephesians 5:31** – *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."* 

Woman was created from man, the two shall become one. The man is to leave his parents and cleave to his wife. They are to enjoy true intimacy ("naked and unashamed").

**Deuteronomy 24:5** – "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken."

Newly married men (under one year) were to stay home with their wives and not go to war; sort of an extended honeymoon.

**Song of Solomon** – This is an explicit book regarding the physical element of love between a couple. The romance is wonderful and their attraction for each other strong. The couple speak back and forth to each other, giving compliments. This is God's ideal for a relationship, waiting for the time that they are truly "one" in the Lord's eyes.

## C. The Bible Promotes Sex Play in Marriage (Yee, hah!)

**Genesis 26:8** – "Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife."

Abimelech looks through window and sees Isaac showing "endearment" to his wife Rebekah.

**Song of Solomon 7:1-9** – Description of the beauty of his bride, the physical attributes that he appreciates, and how he desires to enjoy her sexually.

**Leviticus 18:6-23** – These are the Old Testament don'ts of sexual activity outside of marriage. Not to have sexual relations with:

- close relatives
- mothers or fathers
- •your father's wife
- sister
- step-sister
- aunts or uncles
- daughter-in-law
- sister-in-law
- family relations
- have relations with a woman as a payback to another woman
- during a woman's menstrual period
- •your neighbor's wife
- •man with a man
- •nor with an animal.

**Proverbs 5:18-19** – "Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love."

A husband must enjoy his wife and her body.

## D. The Discussion of Sexually Oriented Material

**Leviticus 18** – Immorality is against God's statutes. It defiles a person; these things are an abomination.

**Deuteronomy 22** – Women are to dress femininely and men masculinely. God desires women to be virgins at marriage. If she is found not to be, she was to be stoned. Adulterers were to be stoned if both were consenting. Rapists were to be killed. It is wrong to have relations with your father's wife.

**Song of Solomon** – Although the physical/sexual element is discussed in some detail, the couple refrains from sexual activity until they are married.

**Genesis 38:8-9** – "And Judah said to Onan, 'Go in to your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother.' But Onan knew that the heir would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother."

Sexual contact with a brother's wife is against God's statutes.

**Genesis 39:7-20** – Joseph was pursued by Potiphar's wife, but Joseph's strong convictions and character led him to flee sin. She accused him of the opposite and he was put in prison. **I Samuel 2:22** – "Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting."

Eli's sons were lying with the temple prostitutes.

**2 Samuel 11:2-4** – "And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, 'On this condition I will make a covenant with you, that I may put out all your right eyes, and bring reproach on all Israel.' Then the elders of Jabesh said to him, 'Hold off for seven days, that we may send messengers to all the territory of Israel. And then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you.' So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept."

David made many mistakes before the act of adultery. He should have been at war. He gazed and lusted over Bathsheba, then sent a messenger to get her, and then had sexual relations with her.

Jeremiah 5:7-8 – "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were like well-fed lusty stallions; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife."

The Israelites turning their back on God is compared to an adulterous relationship, because they focused on something they shouldn't. God will ultimately punish such behavior. Old Testament Scriptures Related to Sexuality

**Ezekiel 23:1-21** – This passage compares two sisters who were harlots. The older sister is compared to a Samarian, always lusting for more and defiling herself, never giving up her ways. She was eventually judged. The younger sister is compared to Jerusalem, and became even more corrupt than the older sister. She was extremely gross in her conduct and she was eventually in bondage to Egypt.

## E. Limitations on Sexual Activity

#### Fornication - Premarital Sexual Relations

**Ezekiel 23:16-17** – "As soon as her eyes saw them, she lusted for them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea. Then the Babylonians came to her, into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their immorality; so she was defiled by them, and alienated herself from them."

When you defile yourself sexually, you alienate yourself from the ones closest to you.

**Deuteronomy 22:13-21, 28-29** – No sexual contact before marriage. A man could divorce his new bride if she was not a virgin, and she was stoned. If it is not true, then he had to pay her father money and remain married for life. If a man had a sexual relationship with a woman, they were to get married.

### F. Problems of Disobedience to God

Adultery: No Double Standard

**Hosea 4:13-14** – It's the man who will be held responsible for having immoral sex.

**2 Samuel 11:27** – "And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

David married Bathsheba and that displeased the Lord.

**Proverbs 6:29** – "So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent."

The man who has committed adultery is guilty before God.

#### The Person Sinned Against:

**Genesis 39:7-9** – "And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Joseph respected his boss Potiphar, but even more could not commit adultery because it was great wick-edness and sin against God.

**Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18** – "You shall not commit adultery."

The seventh commandment.

**II Samuel 12:13** – "So David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' And Nathan said to David, 'The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.""

David admitted his sin with Bathsheba to Nathan, that he had sinned against the Lord.

**Psalm 51:4** – "Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight – that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge."

When we sin, we sin against God. It is evil in His sight and God is just and blameless when He judges us for sin.

**Proverbs 6:24-32** – Seductive women are full of evil and tempt men to fall. You cannot be seduced and not be affected. You destroy your own soul when you commit adultery.

Harlotry - Prostitution"

**Leviticus 19:29** – "Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness."

Teach your daughters to be chaste, not falling into immorality lest the whole nation fall.

**Deuteronomy 22:21** – "then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and

the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put away the evil from among you."

It is disgraceful for a woman to be promiscuous, shaming her whole family. These women were to be put to death to put evil away form Israel.

**Leviticus 21:9** – "The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire."

Any priest's daughter who was promiscuous, disgraced her father and was burned.

**Isaiah 1:21** – "How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers."

Prostitution brings evil to good cities.

**Jeremiah 3:2-3; 2:20** – Israel's breaking of their covenant is compared to women laying down for men in harlotry.

**Proverbs 2:16-19** – "To deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life..."

Seductive women may look and sound appealing, but they are full of destruction and death.

#### Temple Prostitutes:

**Numbers 25:1-5** – The Israelite men had sexual relations with the Moabite women which led directly to idol worship. God commanded Moses to hang all offenders for all to see.

#### Homosexuality:

**Genesis 19:5-7** – "And they called to Lot and said to him, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.' So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, 'Please my brethren, do not do so wickedly!"

The men who had come to Lot desired to have homosexual relations with the angels visiting him.

**Leviticus 18:22; 20:13** – "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination."; "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them."

Homosexual activity is an abomination to God, and their blood shall be upon them

#### Beastiality:

**Exodus 22:19** – *"Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death."* 

Whoever had sex with an animal was put to death.

**Leviticus 18:23; 20:15-16** - "Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion."; "If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal."

It is perverted for a man or a woman to have sex with an animal. The man or woman and animal were put to death.

#### Incest:

**Leviticus 18:6-18** – You shall not have sexual relations with a close relative.

**Deuteronomy 22:30** – "A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's bed."

A man shall not have sex with his father's wife (mother and/or step-mother).

#### Rape:

**Deuteronomy 22:25-27** – "But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. But you shall do nothing to the young woman; there is in the young woman no sin deserving of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter. For he found her in the countryside, and the betrothed young woman cried out, but there was no one to save her."

In the case of non-consensual sex, the man who rapes the woman was to die.

## New Testament Scriptures Related to Sexuality

## A. Jesus' Teachings on Sexuality and Marriage

#### Approval of Marriage:

**John 2:1-11** – Jesus performed His first public miracle at a wedding feast that He and His disciples attended in Cana of Galilee.

#### Marriage Used in Analogy:

**Mark 2:20** – "But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

Jesus refers to Himself as the bridegroom, and that He will be taken away from them (ascension).

**John 3:29** – "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled."

John the Baptist rejoiced in the same way that a best man rejoices in the fact that his friend is marrying.

**Revelation 19:7-9** – "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, 'Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God." The marriage supper of the lamb refers to the uniting of Jesus and His body, the bride, the church, pure and righteous saints.

#### Goodness of God's Plan:

**Matthew 19:4-6** – "And He answered and said to them, 'Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

God made males and females and ordained marriage. We are to leave and cleave and become one flesh in marriage. What the Lord has joined, man should not try to separate.

**Mark 10:4-9** – "They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.' And Jesus answered and said to them, 'Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Divorce is a result of hardness of heart. God has made both males and females to be married, becoming one for life.

## **B.** Paul's Teachings

#### Sexual Relations for Pleasure:

I Corinthians 7:2-5 – "Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

For the prevention of immorality, it is good to be married. The only reason affection should be withheld is for fasting and prayer, then come together again to avoid Satan's temptation due to lack of control.

**I Thessalonians 4:4-5** – "...that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;"

Your body should be under control of God, not under control of your lusts.

**Hebrews 13:4** – "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

Marriage is honorable, and the sexual relationship should be pure. Adulterers and fornicators will be judged by God.

#### Prophesy on Latter Days:

**I Timothy 4:1-4** – In the last days during rampant apostasy, some will forbid to marry, which God has said is good.

#### Marriage Used in Analogy:

**Ephesians 5:22-23** – "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."

Wives are to submit to their own husbands as unto the Lord. As Christ is the Head of the church, so the husband is the head of the wife.

#### Church Leaders and Marriage:

I Timothy 3:2-12 – An elder is to be the husband of one wife, one who rules his own house well. Deacons also are to be one-woman men who rule their children and own houses well.

**Titus 1:6** – "...if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination."

Elders are to be one-woman men, whose children are faithful, obedient, and respectful.

#### Paul and Marriage:

I Corinthians 9:5 – "Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?"

Paul desired to know if it was okay to bring along a believing wife during itinerant ministry like Peter and the other apostles did.

I Corinthians 7:27-28 – "Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you."

If you're married, stay married. If you're divorced, don't seek a wife. If you marry, it is not sin, but it is not always the best option.

### C. No Double Standard

**Mark 10:11-12** – "So Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Whoever divorces his wife and remarries, commits adultery. The same is true for a woman.

**I Corinthians 7:4** – "The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does."

**Matthew 19:12**– "For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

**1 Corinthians 7:7** – *"For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."* 

Very few have the calling of singleness. But if you do have this calling, the Bible makes it very clear that singleness is a gift from God that He gives grace to accept.

I Corinthians 7:1-9 – It is better to be married than to burn with lust. However, marriage vows are permanent. In light of ministry, marriage is not always the best option.

### **D. Limitations on Behavior**

Fornication:

I Thessalonians 4:3 – "For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you should abstain from sexual immorality."

God commands that we abstain from sexual immorality.

I Corinthians 6:9,10,18-20 – Fornication is unrighteousness which does not lead to heaven. We as believers are to flee from sexual immorality. Sexual sins affect the inner man and we are to be a pure temple for the Holy Spirit to abide in. We are to glorify God in our bodies.

**II Corinthians 12:21** – "…lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced."

Fornication must be repented of, and there must be true humility regarding sin that has been practiced.

**Galatians 5:19-21** – "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." The works of the flesh include fornication and adultery, and those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Colossians 3:1-5** – Put your focus on Christ and not on this world. Put to death fornication and live for Christ since you were raised with Him.

#### Use of Derogatory Sexual Remarks:

**Ephesians 5:3-5** – "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

Fornication is not even to be referred to as something a believer does. Nor any coarse joking or any filthiness of mouth is honoring to God and will not lead to heaven.

#### Adultery:

**James 4:4** – "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

Adulterers, both male and female are friends with the world, and at enmity with God.

**Matthew 5:32** – "but I (Jesus) say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery." Whoever divorces his wife for any reason other than sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**Matthew 19:9** – "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorce commits adultery."

Whoever divorces his wife for any reason other than sexual immorality commits adultery when he marries another, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**Mark 10:11-12** – "So Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. The same goes for a woman divorcing her husband (Jesus speaking).

**John 8:4-11** – The Pharisees and scribes wanted the adulterous woman stoned. Jesus wrote in the sand once and asked who is without sin, throw the first stone. Then he wrote a second time and they all were convicted and left. Jesus didn't condemn the woman, but told her to go and sin no more.

Lust:

**Matthew 5:28** – "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

When a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has committed adultery in his heart. **2 Peter 2:14** – "…having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."

Eyes that are lustful lead to sinful, adulterous hearts which causes sin to run rampant in homes.

#### Prostitutes-Harlots:

I Corinthians 6:15-20 – As a believer you must not have sexual intercourse with a harlot. We are to flee sexual immorality and be pure temples for the Holy Spirit to live in. If you are joined to a prostitute, you are joined as "one".

#### Homosexuality:

**Romans 1:24-27** – "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

Homosexuality is a lust that begins in the heart and manifests itself in the body. It is a vile passion, unnatural, shameful, and is sin against the truth of God.

I Timothy 1:10 – "...for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine..." Homosexuality is unrighteousness and contrary to sound doctrine.

I 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…"

The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. Homosexuality is unrighteous and cannot be practiced by believers.

**Jude 7** – "...as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Homosexuality is giving yourself over to sexual immorality, which will end in the suffering of eternal fire.

#### Incest:

**I Corinthians 5:12** – "And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure."

We are not to expect unbelievers to act as believers; however, within the church we are to encourage and keep a close eye on sin that creeps in, such as any case of incest. We are to then to apply this situation to Matthew 18:15-20.

#### Dress:

**Revelation 3:18** – *"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the* 

shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see."

When we have on the clothing of the Lord, we need not be ashamed by our sin.

**Revelation 16:15** – "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

This verse refers to the second coming of Christ and warns us to be ready, clothed in His righteousness.

#### True Source of Sin:

**Matthew 15:19** – *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."* 

The heart is the source of evil thoughts, which lead to sins.

**Matthew 5:28** – "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

In the mind is where lust occurs before it is manifested in the flesh.

**Mark 7:21** – *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, mur-ders…"* 

From within the heart comes evil thoughts, which include sexual, sinful ideas. **2 Peter 2:14** – "…having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."

The eyes take in the things that entice adulterous thoughts of unstable souls. These are referred to as "accursed children" who have done the wrong.



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