

Sexual Morality

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. We live in a sexually saturated world.
 - 1. Nearly 20,000 scenes on TV each year suggest sexual activity.
 - 2. Michigan State researchers found that soap operas average two sex acts per program. 94% of the couples are not married.
 - 3. Each year 1.1 million girls between 15-19 become pregnant.
- B. Because we live in a sexually saturated world, we, as Christians, need an appropriate view of sex.
- C. Some might prefer that I not preach this sermon.
 - 1. The elders have read & approved this sermon.
 - 2. What we're going to say is from Scripture.
 - a. I must preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).
 - b. We need to know what the Bible says on this subject.
- D. What does the Bible have to say about sex?

II. GOD CREATED SEX.

- A. The Bible teaches that God created sex.
 - 1. Scripture affirms that God made man male & female (Gn 1:27).
 - a. God is the One who is responsible for the differences between men & women.
 - b. God is the One who put sexual desires in his creation.
 - 2. After God created Adam & Eve, he told them, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gn 1:28).
 - a. Included in the command to multiply is the command for Adam & Eve to have sex.
 - b. Children result from the sexual union.
- B. That God created sex shows that sex is something healthy & not shameful.
 - 1. There is nothing shameful about sex.
 - 2. When God looked upon his creation, he saw that everything was indeed very good (Gn 1:31).
- C. The Song of Solomon reveals just how wonderful a sexual union can be.
 - 1. Through the years, many have attempted to understand this book to be a symbolic account of Christ & the church.
 - 2. However, the book is so blatantly sexual that we are compelled to understand this book as depicting a sexual union between a man & his wife. If you don't believe me, take the time to read the book this afternoon.
 - 3. How can we view sex as dirty or immoral if God inspired Solomon to write so beautifully about sex?

III. GOD'S RULES FOR SEX.

- A. Since God created sex, God has the right to tell us how we should behave toward sex.
- B. Pre-marital sex is wrong.
 - 1. The Bible condemns fornication.
 - a. 1 Cor 6:18.
 - 1) Our bodies do not belong to us; they belong to God (1 Cor 6:19).
 - 2) Therefore, we need to heed what God says about sexuality.
 - b. 1 Thess 4:3.
 - c. The sexually immoral will have their part in the lake which burns with fire & brimstone (Rv 21:8).
 - 2. Just what is fornication?

- a. Fornication refers to the unlawful sex of an unmarried individual.
- b. Sex belongs in marriage, & anything that takes sex out of marriage is wrong.
- 3. Teens, stay away from sex.
 - a. Some of Solomon’s strongest words to his son deal with sexual purity (Prov 5:1-6).
 - b. Teens often want to know, “How far can we go?”
 - 1) Solomon says that if we play with fire, we will get burned (Prov 6:27-29).
 - 2) Illustration about lady interviewing chauffer candidates, *Illustrations for Biblical Preaching*, pp 333-34.
- C. Adultery is wrong.
 - 1. The Bible condemns adultery.
 - a. Adultery will keep one from inheriting eternal life (1 Cor 6:9).
 - b. Heb 13:4.
 - 2. Adultery is distinguished from fornication, for adultery involves married individuals.
 - 3. Adultery is so wrong that it is the only exception for divorce (Mt 19:9).
 - 4. Adultery is so serious that under the Mosaic Law those caught committing adultery were executed (Lev 20:10).
 - 5. Illustration about the boy coming home from Sunday school, *Illustrations for Biblical Preaching*, p 17.
 - 6. Adultery can be as much about the heart as the body.
 - a. Jesus said that we can commit adultery with our hearts (Mt 5:37-30).
 - b. We need to stay away from pornography.
 - 1) Pornography comes from two Greek words—*porne* (prostitute) & *graphe* (writing)—Pornography is the depiction in words or pictures intended to arouse sexual feelings.
 - 2) We need to be careful about the things with which we fill our minds—Phil 4:8.
- D. Homosexuality is wrong.
 - 1. The Bible condemns homosexuality.
 - a. Sodom & Gomorrah were destroyed because of homosexuality (Gn 19:4-5).
 - b. Rm 1:26-27.
 - c. Homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9).
 - 2. We must stay away from homosexuality.
 - 3. Many claim that they were born homosexuals.
 - a. They claim that they cannot help but practice homosexuality.
 - b. Since God condemns homosexuality, this practice must be able to be controlled.

IV. CONCLUSION.

- A. We are to strive for sexual purity.
- B. If you have been sexually impure, Jesus’ blood can make you pure again.
- C. Do you need Jesus’ blood?