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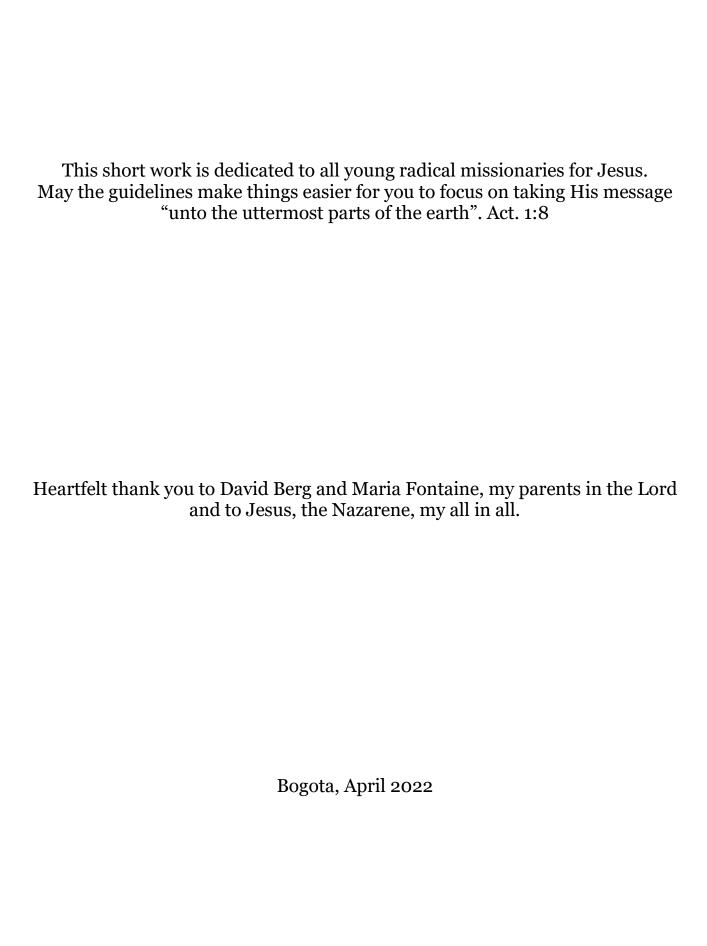
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Prologue to Does God Have Sex?

By David Berg and Maria Fontaine

Thank God for sex! ... it's the normal course of events, it's natural life, it's the way God intended for it to be, right? That way it stays in its proper perspective as a normal, non-exaggerated, not blown-up part of life, as just a part of life, of which there are many other parts just as important or even more important.

But the world...the System and (Churches) ethics -which are not God's ethics at all, not Biblical- have blown up this thing to where they have absolutely got their minds on it all the time!--They can't think of anything else, they've gone sex crazy, because they've been suppressed so much. And it's really oppressed, until it becomes an obsession, until they're almost possessed by it!--Instead of taking it the normal, natural way, just as normal & natural as any other necessary physical function of life!--Just as normal as eating or working or drinking or sleeping or anything else you need to do! That's the way God intended for it to be. Of course, I'll admit there are ways of being very coarse about things just for the sake of crudeness & vulgarness & ugliness, like some of those sex movies in which the organs are the main characters.

But (healthy sex and within God's boundaries) it is a physical necessity, so anybody who so-called gets the "victory" over it is going against nature! God's Word speaks about crimes against nature. You're going against the natural way God made you to be, created you to be, blessed you to be! Of course, you can overdo it, you can overdo a good thing. You can eat too much, jog too much, work too hard, exhaust yourself, you can even exhaust yourself sexually, even have too much sex.

The Devil (nonetheless) tries to convince you that something you're doing is wrong so that he can condemn you, so that if you don't do it by faith then it is wrong, it is a sin ...But because the System & religion & my own Mother taught me it was wrong, bad, wicked & evil, I suffered Hell for years because I couldn't overcome it. I didn't need to overcome it, God intended for me to enjoy it, as long as I didn't do it excessively (and within the Lord's limits).

(On the other hand) There are some people who just aren't normally sexual or sexy so they ought to accept themselves the way they are, quit trying, just act natural, be themselves, quit trying to be somebody they aren't...If you don't feel sexy, don't have sex!...NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT OF LIFE IS NOT SEX!... There are lots of other pleasures in the World besides sex!...not feeling sexy is not wrong!

Jesus said others are eunuchs for the Lord's sake because they are too devoted to His Work & His Kingdom & working for the Lord & for others,

therefore they simply forsake sex & don't worry about it. (Mt.19:12) They fill up their time & strength with things far more profitable than sex! Sex is NOT the greatest thing in life!

SERVING THE LORD IS THE GREATEST THING IN LIFE! Serving OTHERS is the greatest thing in life! Jesus said to love Him with all your heart & mind & strength & to love your neighbour as yourself, that THOSE are the greatest things in life! (Mt.22:37-39; 19:19) The Law of Love didn't even necessarily include sex. He never said anything about HAVING to love SEX!

IT IS FAIRLY NORMAL & NATURAL FOR MOST PEOPLE TO LIKE SEX, but there are some people who don't, & some people are in a sense made that way by the Lord, devoted to the Lord. Maybe God made them that way so they wouldn't be worrying about sex & could devote their time & energy to other things far more important than sex!

(Maria: I think, however, that people need to realize that <u>most everybody</u> <u>still has the need for affection.</u>)

Yes, everybody wants to be loved, of course.

(Maria: Affection is very important, kisses & cuddles & hugs just to know you're loved... The physical contact is important because it shows that you're loved & it helps you to feel secure. Sex isn't necessarily a sign of love, but affection is ALWAYS a sign of love.)

That's REAL love, GENUINE love & it can even be SACRIFICIAL love!

WHAT'S THE GREATEST LOVE IN THE WORLD?--THE LOVE IN WHICH YOU LAY DOWN YOUR OWN LIFE FOR SOMEONE ELSE. You sacrifice your own life & your own self for the sake of someone else. That's REAL Love, GOD'S kind of Love, SACRIFICIAL love, SPIRITUAL love!

(Maria: And that's the MOST important.)

(Note by Hector Dario Medina: Although sex comes from God and is not a sin, as to the fire that is precious, dangerous and delicate, as such should it also be treated with love, and with caution, prudence, discretion and firmness, establishing in our communities for its use, clear, precise and unmistakable limits, that reflect the tender and parentall care of our Savior who with His Royal laws of love brought by Him in the New Testament, wants to shepherd and guide us making our yoke easy and our burden light.)

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FOREWORD

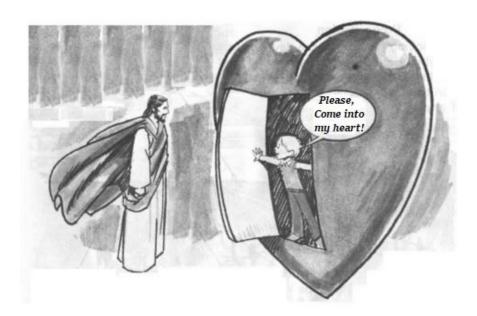
A Great Initial Gift

Dear reader,

Thank you very much for choosing to read this booklet. In order to enjoy and understand the words that we are going to present to you, it is necessary that you be part into the family of God in a very simple and spiritual way, and that is, receiving Jesus, the Son of God, in your spirit or heart, as he himself requests in the following verse from the last book of the Bible: Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

If you therefore agree, please say the following prayer to him:



Dear Jesus,
I know you're knocking lovingly and respectfully
at the door of my heart wishing to come in.
I accept you in my life,and open the door of this hardened heart
for you to come in, forgive me for my faults,
and stay and live in me with your love,
your Holy Spirit and your happiness forever and ever.

Also thank you for saving all of mine in due course, Amen.

1. Does God have sex?

A1: Genesis 1:27

So <u>God created man in his own image, in the image of God</u> created he him; <u>male and female created he them.</u>

A2: Genesis 5: 1b, 2a

In the day that <u>God created man</u>, in the likeness of <u>God made he him</u>; <u>Male and female created he them</u>;

2. Who then is the Male and who the Female?

A1: 1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father (*OUR FATHER MALE*), the Word (*JESUS, THE SON*), and the Holy Ghost (*GOD MOTHER*): and these three are one.

A2: Revelation 1:4b, 5a

Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come (*THE FATHER*); and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne (*THE MOTHER*); And from Jesus Christ, (*THE SON*) [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

3. What other verses clearly confirm that the Holy Spirit is the Mother?

A1: Ephesians 5: 29 - 32

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man (JESUS CHRIST, THE SON) leave his father (THE FATHER) and mother (THE HOLY GHOST!), and shall be joined unto his wife (THE CHURCH OF BELIEVERS), and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

A2: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-24, 29, 30

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? The LORD (THE FATHER) possessed me (THE WISDOM OR HOLY GHOST) in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; (HAVING INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS AS HUSBAND AND WIFE)

4. Does not Paul speak of Jesus as the Wisdom of God?

(1 Corinthians 1:24)

A1: Colossians 2: 3

(Christ) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

(Treasures all given also by *the Holy Spirit whom Jesus himself calls* in this other verse *The Wisdom of God*:)

Therefore also <u>said the wisdom of God</u>, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: (Luke 11:49)

A2: Isaíah 11:2

And the spirit of the LORD (*THE HOLY SPIRIT*) shall rest upon him (*JESUS*), the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; (*ALL THESE ARE CHARACTERISTICS AND FACETS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*)

5. Did not Mary conceive of the Holy Spirit?

A: Luke 1: 35

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest (*OF THE MALE FATHER*) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

6. Do God the Father and God the Holy Spirit have other

A: John 1: 18

children?

No man hath seen God (*THE FATHER*) at any time; <u>the only begotten Son</u> (JESUS), which is in the bosom of the Father (*THE HOLY SPIRIT*), he hath declared him.

7. If so, does it mean that God is as sexual as we are? Prove it on the Bible, please.

A1: Psalm 45: 10, 11

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; *So shall the king greatly desire (HE WILL LUST AFTER) thy beauty*: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

A2: Ezekiel 16: 8

(TALKING TO HIS PEOPLE, JERUSALEM...) Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine. (HE MADE LOVE WITH HER)

A3: Ephesians 5: 31, 32

For this cause shall <u>a man</u> (*CHRIST*) leave his father (*THE FATHER*) and mother (*THE HOLY GHOST*), and shall be joined unto his wife (*THE CHURCH, OR GROUP OF BELIEVERS*), and they two shall be one flesh (*WE WILL HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIM*). This is a great mystery: but *I speak concerning Christ and the church*.

A4: Hosea 2: 19, 20

(GOD TALKING TO HIS PEOPLE...) And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know (INTIMATELY) the LORD.

A5: Zephaniah 3: 17

The LORD thy God *in the midst of thee* is mighty; he will save, *he will rejoice* over thee with joy (HAVING INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEE; he will rest in his love, *he will joy over thee* with singing.

A6: Revelation 21:9

And there came unto me one of the seven angels..., and talked with me, saying, Come hither, *I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. (JESUS' WIFE)*

A7: Isaiah 62:5

...and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

A8: Ephesians 5: 25 - 27

Husbands, <u>love your wives</u>, even as <u>Christ</u> also loved <u>the church</u>, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, *That he might present it to himself* a glorious church, *not having spot, or wrinkle*, or any such thing; but that it should be *holy and without blemish*.

8. If we the people of God (who believe in and love Jesus), are the bride or wife of the Lamb, Jesus, and are made to have sexual intercourse with him; What kind of sexual intimacy would it be? Physical or spiritual?

A1: John 4: 24

<u>God is a Spirit:</u> and they that worship him must worship him <u>in spirit and in truth.</u>

A2: John 6: 63

<u>It is the spirit that quickeneth</u>; the flesh profiteth nothing: <u>the words that I</u> <u>speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.</u>

A3: Romans 14: 17

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; (NEITHER SEX) but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

A4: 1 Corinthians 15: 50

Now this I say, brethren, that *flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;* neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

A5: Ephesians 5: 30, 32

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones...This is a great mystery: but *I speak concerning Christ and the church*.

9. I suppose God, for being God, should not be jealous, right?

A1: 2 Corinthians 11:2

(PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF THE LORD) For *I* am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

A2: Exodus 34: 14

For thou shalt worship no other god: for <u>the LORD</u>, <u>whose name is Jealous</u>, <u>is a jealous God:</u>

A3: James4: 3 - 5

...that ye may consume [it] upon your lusts. Ye <u>adulterers and adulteresses</u>, know ye not that <u>the friendship of the world is enmity with God</u>? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, <u>The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy</u>?

A4: Colossians 3: 5

Mortify therefore your ... covetousness, which is idolatry:

(More information	on this	topic in	Annex 1)
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10. Then he jealously calls us adulterers or adulterers when we have gods or idols other than Jesus, like for example greed. How can I face it if in my case this is true?

A1: Isaiah 55: 7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

A2: 1 Samuel 12: 20

And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

A3: Deuteronomy 4: 29

But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

A4: Jeremiah 3:1b, 14a

...but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; *yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you:*

11. If sex and our bodies are not something dirty, why does the Lord say in Revelation 3:18 and 16:15 that we should be ashamed of being naked?

A1: Since the very second chapter of Genesis the Lord made it very clear that our fleshly bodies are not something be ashamed of at all!:

Genesis 2:25

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

"If it was wrong to be naked, then why did God make them naked in the first place? And why were they not even conscious of being naked and never forbidden to be naked?

Genesis 1:31

And God saw *every thing that he had made*, and, behold, *it was very good*. God intended for them to be naked to begin with, and to have sex and children as they wanted, which they obviously did and had sex before the fall."

(David Berg ML 2835: 5)

A2: The feeling of shame for our nakedness came as a consequence of our

disobedience, and the resultant wickedness Adam and Eve must have felt in their hearts or spirits:

Genesis 3:7-11

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and *I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.* And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

A3: Jesus in Revelation does very clearly advise us on a spiritual level, and not a physical one:

Revelation 3:18

I counsel thee to buy of me gold (faith -1 Peter 1:7-) tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, (Salvation and Righteousness by faith - Isaiah 61: 10, Revelation 7:14; 19:8, Philipians 3:9-) that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness (of our disobedient HEARTS - Jeremiah 17:9-) do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve (gift of discernment?), that thou mayest see.

Revelation 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his (SPIRITUAL) garments, lest he walk (SPIRITUALLY) naked, and they see his shame (the filthiness of our own personal HEART OR SPIRIT - Jeremiah 17:9-).

ANNEX 1

ON SPIRITUAL AND COMMERCIAL ADULTERY AND PROSTITUTION

Spiritual Adultery, or Spiritual Prostitution means looking and searching for other gods, worshiping Creation, or Mammon and riches, thus turning our backs on the Lord and letting ourselves be carried away by pleasures, and seeking the friendship of the world at the cost of enmity with God. This causes the Lord to separate from us.

(Lev. 20:5) (Jeremiah 2:27)(Jeremiah 3:6 - 14) (Hosea 3:1) (Hosea 4: 12, 13) (Ezekiel 16: 17) (Ezekiel 23: 37) (2 Chronicles 21:11, 13) (Matthew 12:39) (Matthew 16:4) (Mark 8:38) (James 4: 3,4) (Matthew 6:24) (Colossians 3:5) (Ephesians 5:3) (Revelation 14:18; 17:2,14) (Revelation 18:3, 19:2) (1 Timothy 6: 10) (Romans 1:25) (Acts 15: 20, 29: 21: 25) (Revelation 2:14, 20; 9:21)

The Scriptures always bring intertwined <u>spiritual fornication</u> (*serving and worshipping other gods and physical things*), commercial fornication (large-scale business), and <u>physical fornication</u> (inordinate sexual relations). One is always accompanied by the others.

Commercial Fornication is the activity of the great commercial cities, or "harlots", merchants who acquire lots of money and goods, marketing them with all the kingdoms of the world. (Isaiah 23: 16-18)
It is also a very attractive and corrupting wine of anger, abominations and filth, which easily intoxicates the kings and the inhabitants of the earth. The wine of LIVING DELICIOUSLY, ENRICHING THEMSELVES MARKETING WITH ABUNDANCE OF DELICIOUSNESSES. (Revelation 17:2) (Revelation 8:3,9) Large business centers are like well-favored prostitutes, witchcraft ladies who sell nations and families through their commercial whoredoms, and they come along with witchcraft. (Nahum 3:4) (Revelation 17: 17)

Most of the current Christian congregations are very clear about the concept and the norm of avoiding fornication and physical adultery, but sadly they turn a blind eye to *spiritual or commercial fornication, greed or materialism,* which, according to Paul himself *are the root of ALL evil,* Christ in more than one occasion warned about it, and James soberly admonishes the rich people who takes advantage of the poor! (Matthew 19:24) (Mark 10:25) (Luke 16: 19 - 31)(1 Timothy 6: 10) (James 5: 1- 6)

12. Does the Lord then encourage sex somewhere in the Bible?

A1: Genesis 1: 27, 28a

So <u>God created man in his [own] image</u>, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply (MAKE LOVE),

A2: Genesis 2:18, 24, 25

And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife (SHALL HAVE INTIMATE RELATIONS): and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (THERE IS NO SHAME WITH NAKEDNESS!)

(As we see, having sex was the first commandment that God gave Adam and Eve, before he even asked them to take care of the Garden of Eden)

A3: Proverbs 5: 18, 19

Let thy fountain be blessed: and *rejoice with the wife of thy youth*. [Let her be as] the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

A4: 1 Corinthians 7: 3

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

A5: Song of Solomon 5: 1

<u>I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse</u>: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, <u>drink abundantly</u>, <u>O beloved</u>.

13. Speaking of the Song of Songs and Solomon, he had many women; Does the Bible accept polygamy? When?

A: In the Old Testament *men usually had one woman* (Genesis 2:24) (Proverbs 5: 17 - 21) (Ecclesiastes 9: 9), *but they also had the chance of getting more than one a wife*, as well as concubines, as long as they could support them morally and financially.(Genesis 25:6) (2 Samuel 5: 13) (1 Kings 11:3)

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(2 Chronicles 11: 21 ) (Esther 2: 14) (Daniel 5:2) (Genesis 22:24) (Genesis 36:12 ) (Judges 8:31 ) (Judges 19:1 )
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In the New Testament, the Lord admonished them to not cast away their wives for any reason, but only for adultery, and *through Paul God* changes the rules of the game, and *tells Christians to have only one woman*. (Matthew 19: 7-9) (1 Corinthians 7: 2) (1Timothy 3: 2) (Titus 1: 6).

14. What other important rules or boundaries in sexual relationships does God give us in the Bible?

Answer: A. General Sexual Rules in the Old testament

<u>Do not have intimate relationships</u> (uncover or see their nakedness) with:

- 1. **Close family members.** (Leviticus 18: 6 18) (Leviticus 20: 11,12,14, 17, 19-21) (Deuteronomy 28:20, 22, 23)
- 2. A woman with menstruation. (Leviticus 18:19) (Leviticus 20:18)
- 3. **The neighbor's wife (Adultery)**. (Exodus 20:14) (Leviticus 18:20; 20:20) (Deuteronomy 5:18) (Proverbs 5: 20, 21; 6:26,32) (Jeremiah 29:23) (Ezekiel 16:32; 23:45)
- 4. **Men with men** It is an abomination- (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13)
- 5. **With animals** -beasts-. -It's confusion- (Leviticus 18:23; 20:15, 16) (Deuteronomy 28:21)

We spoil the earth in this way, the earth spits us out and vomits us up for these things, and the rain does not draw near. (Leviticus 18:25, 28) (Jeremiah 3: 2,3)

4. **Do not prostitute our daughters** because the earth gets filled with evil. (Jeremiah 3: 8, 5: 7) (Leviticus 19:29) (See Annex 2)

5. The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God. (Deuteronomy 22:5)

A married man could sleep with a virgin or a single woman and did not break the Mosaic law, however this fact committed the man to take that woman as his concubine, without the right to divorce her.(Exodus 22:16) (Deuteronomy 22:28, 29) (*See Annex 3 - On Adultery*)

ANNEX 2
ON PROSTITUTION AND FORNICATION

Prostitution, or **Fornication**, are disorderly sexual relations with harlots or prostitutes. (2 Chronicles 21:11, 13) (Isaiah 23:16, 17) (1 Corinthians 6: 13-18) (Ezekiel 16: 15,26) (Ezekiel 23.11) (Ezekiel 16:28, 29) (Revelation 17: 1,2)

Prostitution is acquired and received by harlots in their youth, because they trust in their own beauty and have a good reputation. It creates an unhealthy addiction to sex, and if it is not by the mercy of God, they continue with it until their old age. (Ezekiel 23: 7,8, 43) (Ezekiel 16:15, 28, 31)

He who joins sexually with a harlot becomes one with her. (1 Corinthians 6:16)

Because of it our children suffer sad consequences. (Numbers 14:33) (Hosea 2: 4)

Prostitution pollutes the land. (Jeremiah 3: 1, 2, 9)

And it happens as a consequence of having turned our backs on the Lord forgetting and separating ourselves from him. (Hosea 1: 2) (Ezekiel 23:35) (Jeremiah 5: 7)

By withdrawing from the shelter of our God, the spirit of prostitution makes us wander seeking sorcery, prevents us from turning to our God, and furthermore this distances us from the mind of God. (Hosea 4:12; 5: 4) (Ezekiel 23:18)

Prostitution or fornication is closely linked to the adoration of abominable pagan gods, to images, to stones, to the performance of witchcraft, and to the offering of sacrifices including of their own children to the devils. (Leviticus 17: 7) (Ezekiel 16:15, 16, 20, 25, 36) (Ezekiel 23:37)

(Jeremiah 2:27; 3: 6) (Isaiah 57: 6, 10) (2 Chronicles 21:13) (Isaiah 1:21) (Hosea 4:13) (2 Kings 9:22) (1 Corinthians 10: 8) (2 Chronicles 21:11) (Revelation 2:14, 20, 21) (Revelation 9:21)

Due to it the Lord gives us over to our enemies, to trials of fire, sword, dispossession of land and captivity. All this in order for us to be turned to the Lord our first Husband. (Ezekiel 23:28, 29) (Jeremiah 34:20) (Hosea 2: 2,3) (Ezekiel 16:41) (Amos 7:17) (Hosea 2: 6, 7)

Even though we have prostituted ourselves, the Lord expects us to turn to him again. (Jeremiah 2:20)

B. Sexual Principles of the New Testament

Our Savior came to give us three principles in order for us to enjoy life and also healthy sex:

<u>Loving God and our Neighbor</u> is the Golden Principle for our Lives. There will Never be Another One

Matthew 22: 37 - 40

Jesus said unto him, <u>Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.</u> This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, <u>Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.</u> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Galatians 5:14

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; **Thou shalt love** thy neighbour as thyself.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Real love suffers long, and is kind; real love envies not; real love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *Real love never fails*.

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ constraineth us.

The Rear-view Mirror of <u>our Actions</u> are <u>their Fruits</u>, <u>or Consequences</u>:

Matthew 7: 16-20

Ye shall know them by their fruits (EVEN YOUR WISHES, THOUGHTS, FANTASIES AND DECISIONS). Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (A WRONG DESIRE OR A WRONG DECISION) is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Therefore, whatever sexual perversion or unloving sexual activity that is physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually harmful or dangerous must be avoided or stopped at all costs by a child of God or his/her community.

Our Heart and Mind are the Beginninng of All Right or Wrong.

Matthew 15: 18 - 20a

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: (Also Mark 7: 21- 23)

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

If we therefore have a sexual weakness that we must correct, we need to start working in our own heart and thoughts first of all, in order to achieve a complete sound mind, with the Lord's grace help.

B1. SEXUAL NORMS OR BOUNDARIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Do not Fornicate or Prostitute Yourself.

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(John 8:11) (1 Corinthians 5: 1; 6:18; 7: 2)(Galatians 5:19)(Matt. 5:32, 19: 9) (2 Corinthians 12:21) (1 Thessalonians 4: 3) (Jude 1: 7) (Revelation 2:14, 20; 9:21)
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You fornicate o prostitute yourself when you break the sexual rules of the Old Testament, which in summary are:

Not having intimate relationships:

With close relatives.
With a woman with menstruation.
With the neighbor's wife (Adultery)
Men with men
With animals

Do not prostitute daughters Do not wear clothes of the opposite sex.

Paul also calls fornication a lack of cleanliness, lust, disorderly affections, and lust. (Galatians 3: 5; 5:19) (Ephesians 5: 3) (2 Corinthians 12:21).

To avoid prostitution or fornication, <u>the Lord through Paul</u> hereinafter <u>establishes a new standard for Christians, monogamy</u>: **That each man has his own wife, and that each woman has her own husband.** (1 Corinthians 7: 2)

2. Do not commit adultery.

Adultery occurs when:

- A married person has sexual intercourse or lusts after a person different than their spouse (Matt. 5:27, 28) (1 Corinthians 7: 2,4)(Leviticus 18:20) (Ezekiel 16:32)(Jeremiah 29:23)

(Not when the person lusts or desires their own spouse, or somebody single desires another unmarried person of the opposite sex.) (See Annex 3)

- A man discards his wife and pairs with another (Matthew 19: 9) (Luke 16:18) (Mark 10:11)
- A man marries a woman separated or divorced from a believing brother (Matthew 5: 32, 19: 9) (Luke 16:18) (1 Corinthians 7:15) (Matthew 19: 9)
- A woman marries after separating from a believing brother (Matthew 5:32, 19: 9) (Mark 10:12) (1 Corinthians 7:15)

3. Do No Abuse Sexually of a Minor

"Better that a millstone be hung around his neck, and drowned in the deep sea." (Matthew 18: 5 - 10) (Mark 9:42) (Luke 17:2)

4. Do Not Practice Anal Copulation

"Their women did change the natural use (OF COPULATION) into that which is which is against nature", dishonoring their own bodies Between themselves; and it's filthy. (Romans 1:24, 26)

5. Do Not Practice Homosexuality

It is filthy, improper and inconvenient. (Romans 1:24, 27) (Genesis 2:23,24) (1 Corinthians 6: 9)

6. Do Not Practice Lesbianism

It's against nature, and they dishonor their own bodies between themselves. Women were made to be a help meet for man, and to be one flesh with him, not with another woman. (Romans 1: 24, 26) (Genesis 2:18,24)

Let everyone then look at their own sexual weakness, and watch out with it in prayer.

1 John 5: 18b

...but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

15. Does God ever allow divorce? When?

A: Jesus allows divorce, only when there is fornication from the other party (Matt. 5:32, 19: 9), without allowing them to remarry.

Paul leads to divorce when the husband or wife is an unbeliever and separates from the believer. 1 Cor. 7:15:

"But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace."

In the latter case, Paul implies that the brother or sister -only in this situationis free to remarry another believer.

16. And what does God say in the Bible about celibacy or religious singleness?

A: Matthew 19: 10-12

His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with [his] wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All [men] cannot receive this saying, save [they] to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from [their] mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive [it], let him receive [it].

It's *the spirit of forsaking all for him* what he stresses in this passage, which he again shares at the end of the chapter:

Matthew 19: 27, 29, 30

Then answered *Peter* and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?...And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Being a eunuch for love of the kingdom of heaven does not necessarily mean that it is for life, but for a certain period of time, such as when Peter (Cephas), even after forsaking his wife for the Lord for a time, according to Matthew 19:27, he still kept on enjoying her in Paul's time, as Paul himself affirms on the next verse:

1 Corinthians 9:5

Have we not power to *lead about a sister*, *a wife*, *as well as other apostles*, and as the brethren of the Lord, *and* <u>Cephas</u>?

Therefore the Lord's Scriptures on the eunuchs (Matthew 19: 11, 12) (1 Corinthians 7:8), will be fulfilled only for a small group of those who feel called at a certain time of their life to remain single for a time, with the aim of fulfilling Christ's missionary purposes in them.

However, keep in mind that the greatest testimony by which Christians have conquered and will conquer many people for the Lord and for Heaven, is **the love and example of our communities and congregations**, whose main cells and bricks will always be <u>conformed families by married couples</u> <u>and children</u>, not communities of singles that only lend themselves to all kinds of sexual aberrations, precisely for banning marriage (1Timothy4: 2,3).

John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (INCLUDING YOUR WIVES AND CHILDREN).

John 17:22, 23

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one (INCLUDING THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN), even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Acts 2:44 - 47

And all that believed were together (*INCLUDING WIVES AND CHILDREN*), and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all [men], as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

17. What will God think of the promoted sexual depravity by the UN in the Western world, such as the "right to choose sex" since childhood, and a whole world of foul sexual aberrations Backed on dark principles?

A: Moral and sexual depravations are simply the result of people's spiritual separation from their Creator. (1 Chronicles 5:25) (Ezekiel 16: 22 - 26) (Hosea 1: 2; 3: 1) (Hosea 4: 12 - 14) (Romans 1: 21 - 28)

These are also a sign of the times (Daniel 8:23) that Jesus is very soon to come a second time, and he will return each man according to his deeds. (Romans 2:6)

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! (Matthew 18: 5 - 7)

18. What does the Lord say in the Scriptures about the ejaculation of semen in the man without his wife?

A1: Leviticus 15: 16, 17

And if any *man's seed of copulation* go out from him (*WHETHER VOLUNTARILY OR INVOLUNTARILY*), then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even. And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

A2: Deuteronomy 23: 10, 11

If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of *uncleanness that chanceth him by night* (*INVOLUNTARY EJACULATION*), then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash [himself] with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp [again].

In these portions of the Scriptures the Lord very clearly takes the ejaculation of semen - both <u>voluntary</u> and involuntary - as something very natural and normal for which the man or boy should not be ashamed of at all, (although they should follow the basic hygiene rules when it occurs) nor, therefore, should they consider the sexual fantasies that helped to produce the spilling of semen -while sleeping- to be bad.

19. Does that mean that there is nothing wrong with masturbation for men as well as for women?

A1: Leviticus 15: 16, 17

And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him (*SEMEN*), then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even. And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even. (*AND THEN KEEP MOVING!*)

A2: Song of Salomon 5: 4 - 6

My beloved put in his hand by the hole [of the door], and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped [with] myrrh, and my fingers [with] sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, [and] was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

These Scriptures show that there is no problem at all with private and personal masturbation. We simply advise you to take a good look at your sexual fantasies with which you accompany your masturbation, because these, if not watched over, due to our human and sinful condition over time could make you disobey other general rules regarding sex established by the Lord in His Word.

Romans 14:5b

Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Matthew 15:13b

Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted (*A BAD HABIT*), shall be rooted up.

(More on Adultery and Sexual Fantasies in Annex 3)

20. To what extent is the Lord pleased with photos, videos and movies of sexual content? Could they be used as aids for masturbation?

A1: As for some photos and simple videos of artistic nudes, these could be some good Scriptures:

Genesis 2:25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Romans 14:14

I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

A2: Regarding movies that show sexual intercourse between couples, we definitely encourage you to avoid them, since there is a latent danger in almost all of them, as their plots usually have little or nothing to do with noble and deep human themes, and much less are they Divine, besides they usually promote and encourage continuous selfish and materialistic attitudes, with scenes full of contempt, and deceit, usually showing a hell on earth, not to mention the countless surprises that can suddenly come out, of crude scenes of sexual organs and perversions that the Lord very clearly forbids, such as anal copulation, homosexuality, or any other filth.

It's not strange that *out of 20 Times that the word "imagination"* or "imaginations" appear in the KJ Bible, only twice do they refer to imaginations in a good and positive way; the rest of the times our Lord shows very clearly how the world usually misuses its imaginations and movies.

1 John 4:5

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

It is therefore up to us to be alert on this topic, and to commit ourselves as the Psalmist said, *I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.* (Psalm 101: 3) Enjoy yourself the imaginations of your heart with praise, prayer, and fear of God! (Genesis 6: 5; 8:21)(Deuteronomy 29:19; 31:21) (Luke 1:51) (Jeremiah 11: 8; 13:10; 16:12; 18: 12; 23:17;)

21. What will the Lord think of oral sex?

A1: Matthew 9:29b According to your faith be it unto you.

A2: Song of Solomon 4:16

Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

ANNEX 3

ON ADULTERY AND SEXUAL FANTASIES

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery (*HE'S TALKING OF ADULTERY*): But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (**IN ADULTERY, AND KNOWING THAT SHE BELOGS TO OTHER MAN**) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Matthew 5: 27 - 30) -See also Jeremiah 29:23; Leviticus 18:20 and Ezekiel 16:32-

((THEREFORE ANY SINGLE MAN WHO LOOKS AT A SINGLE WOMAN TO LUST AFTER HER, OR ANY SINGLE WOMAN WHO LOOKS AT A SINGLE MAN TO LUST AFTER HIM, ARE NOT COMMITING ADULTERY IN THEIR HEARTS))

Let's remember that Jesus specifically was referring to adultery only when a man lay with a married woman. A man that would sleep with a virgin or single woman in Jesus' time did **not** violate the Mosaic law, but rather committed the man to take that woman as his wife, without the right to divorce her. (Exodus 22:16) (Deuteronomy 22:28, 29) *Later on Paul commanded men to have only one woman.* (1 Corinthians 7:2)

If thy right eye (*OR IMAGINATION*) **offend thee** (*ONLY WHEN IT MAKES YOU STUMBLE*), pluck it out, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell (*ALONG WITH ITS TROUBLOUS IMAGINATIONS*). And if thy right hand (*OR ACTION*) offend thee, *cut it off, and cast [it] from thee*: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Matthew 5:29,30)

Possible Meaning of the Members of the Body

(According to Matthew 5: 29,30, Matthew 18: 8,9, Matthew 6:22, Mark 9: 43, 45, 47, and Luke 11:34)

Eye - A DESIRE, VISION, OR IM	AGINATION OF	THE HEART, a	upurpose, o	or a goal
Hand - AN ACTION or work.				
Foot - A PATH or habit.				

Matthew 7: 16-20

Ye shall know them by their fruits (EVEN YOUR WISHES, THOUGHTS, AND FANTASIES). Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree (OR DESIRE, OR IMAGINATION) bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree (OR DESIRE, OR IMAGINATION) bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree (OR SEXUAL FANTASY) that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire (THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE GOTTA DO). Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Jesus is the remedy to channel and moderate our natural sexual inclinations, fantasies, and activities, if we only ask him. (Matthew 7:7) (Titus 1:15) (John 10:10) (Genesis 2:25)

Galatians 5: 22,23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love,... temperance: against such there is no law.

22. So, does <u>not</u> Matthew 5:28 mean that every time I look on a woman to lust after her I'm always committing adultery with her in my heart?

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery (HE'S TALKING OF ADULTERY): But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (IN ADULTERY, KNOWING THAT SHE IS MARRIED AND THAT THIS THING WILL HURT HER HUSBAND) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Matthew 5: 27 - 30)

If Jesus had said that to lust in the heart a lovely single person of the opposite sex is wrong, he would be denying his very sexual nature as God (Ezekiel 16: 8) (Hosea 2: 19, 20) (Revelation 21: 9) (Isaiah 62: 4,5) (Ephesians 5: 27-29), and also his own sexual nature as a man (Genesis 1: 27, 28) (Genesis 2:18, 24, 25) (Proverbs 5: 18, 19) (And the whole book of Song of Solomon) Psalm 45: 10, 11

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; **So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty**: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

We can then conclude with all joy and confidence in His Word that we all have the full right to look to lust after whoever corresponds to us: if we are married, our desired spouse. If we are single adults, an unmarried adult person of the opposite sex, and if we are teenagers, a teenager of the opposite sex. and taking care that these pleasant, personal fantasies of ours will not cause problems or make someone stumble, as the Lord advises us in Matthew 5: 29, 30.

Some Key Verses Related to Sex and Emotions

Genesis 2:25

And they were both <u>naked</u>, the man and his wife, and <u>were not ashamed</u>. (Our fleshly bodies are something not to be ashamed of, at all)

Jeremiah 17:9, 10

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

1 Chronicles 28:9

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Psalm 139: 23, 24

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Isaiah 55: 7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Matthew 7:12

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 15:13b

Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Matthew 18: 9

And if thine eye (*OR IMAGINATION*) offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have (*HEALTHY SEXUAL*) life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Romans 8: 1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 13: 9, 10

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if [there be] any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [is] the fulfilling of the law.

Galatians 5:14

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Galatians 5: 22,23

But the fruit of the Spirit is <u>love</u>, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, <u>temperance</u>: against such there is no law.

Philippians 4: 1, 4, 5

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, [my] dearly beloved. Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord [is] at hand.

Philippians 4: 8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Titus 1:15

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

1 John 5: 18b

...but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

23. I am ashamed to admit it, but I am very troubled, precisely for yielding to one of these sexual sins, and as I have been in this for some years, it is very difficult for me, almost impossible to change this habit, which is leading me to even worse problems. How can I free myself?

A1: Isaiah 27: 5

Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

A2: Proverbs 28:13

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

A3: Isaiah 55: 7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

A4: Jeremiah 29:13, 14a

And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:

A5: Jeremiah 31: 18b, 19

Turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou [art] the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I ...was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

A6: Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

A7: Philippians 4:13

I can do all things (EVEN CHANGE MY BAD HABITS) through Christ which strengtheneth me.

A8: Luke 7:47

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

A9: James 5:14, 15

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

24. And what does God say in the Bible about sexual pre-marital relations?

In Biblical times, both in the Old and New Testaments, the Jewish custom of "Weddings of the three Cs" was maintained:

Stage 1. <u>Contract</u> - Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24:33) (Genesis 24: 51–53) (Genesis 24: 57–58) - Jacob and Leah (Genesis 29: 15-20) - Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29:27)

Stage 2. Sexual Consummation - Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24: 64–67) - Jacob and Leah (Genesis 29: 21-26) - Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29:30)

Stage 3. Celebration - Jacob and Leah, and Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29: 27,28)*

https://www.bible.ca/marriage/ancient-jewish-three-stage-weddings-and-marriage-customs-ceremony-in-the-bible.htm)

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There were cases in which the contract was not signed due to the urgency the couple had, and **they went straight to the consummation**, (Exodus 22: 16, 17) (Deuteronomy 22: 28, 29) **getting automatically married**, nevertheless the the husband was also obliged to pay the dowry or the contract money that he had skipped, and also without the right to divorce her, for having "humiliated" her by taking her virginity without a previous contract.

In the New Testament Paul suggests to those singles who cannot contain themselves, that they marry; *for it is better to marry than to burn*. (1 Corinthians 7: 9)

The only one who can declare you husband and wife is the Lord while you consume your union in the bed of love. It is worth bearing in mind that **HAVING AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN ITSELF THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY BETWEEN YOU TWO BEFORE GOD** (Thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. - Deuteronomy 21: 13b), REMAINING FOR A LIFE TIME LINKED, DUE TO THAT DEED THAT WAS DONE IN THE SIGHT OF THE CREATOR, in the hope that neither partner will back down in faith or become sexually entangled with another person.

If we decided to make weddings nowadays more in line with Biblical customs, we would have to <u>make first the betrothal</u>, or mutual commitment of marriage between the bride and groom <u>accompanied by their close relatives</u>, and <u>celebrate the wedding party AFTER</u> bride and groom will have enjoyed <u>THE BRIDAL CHAMBER</u>, having their sexual intimacy <u>before</u> the celebration with their loved ones. AND THEN THE PARTY SHOULD LAST 7 DAYS! Ha!

Of course, it is recommended that bride and groom do not "enjoy their cake" before the covenant, that they calmly count the cost, before making their betrothal or official contract to each other, accompanied by their close relatives.

25. What does God think of contraception or control of birth?

R1: Luke 23: 29, 30

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, <u>Blessed [are]</u> the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave <u>suck</u>. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

A very clear sign that the times the wrath of God (Isaiah 2:19) (Revelation 6:16) are very close.

A2: Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

With more reason, if you and your spouse love the Lord and are active members of a congregation, your children will be a blessing to the world. He has promised.

A3: Genesis 22:18

And in thy seed (*IN YOUR CHILDREN*) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

A4: Genesis 38: 8-10

And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled [it] on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

(Be careful of why you use birth control. In Onan's case, he did it for selfish and unloving reasons, and failed God.)

I encourage you not to use birth control, despite the dangerous times we live in, he promises:

Hebrews 13: 5b

For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

26. ¿Will There Be Children and Babies in Heaven?

A1: Psalm 87: 5, 6

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her (IN THE NEW JERUSALEM!): and the highest himself shall establish her. The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, [that] this [man] was born there. Selah.

A2: Isaiah 61: 6, 9

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: [men] shall call you the Ministers of our God (*THE ONES WHO LIVE IN THE NEW JERUSALEM*): ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. And their seed (*THEIR CHILDREN*) shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they [are] the seed (*THE CHILDREN*) [which] the LORD hath blessed.

A3: Isaiah 66: 9, 11 - 13

Shall <u>I bring to the birth</u>, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut [the womb]? saith thy God. <u>That ye may suck</u>, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: <u>then shall ye suck</u>, <u>ye shall be borne upon [her] sides</u>, and be dandled upon [her] knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. (*TO WHOM? TO HER CHILDREN!*)

A4: Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, Suffer <u>little children</u>, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for <u>of such is the kingdom of **heaven**</u>.

(Mark 10:14) (Luke 18:16)

A5: Isaiah 66: 22

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall <u>your seed (OR CHILDREN)</u> and your name remain (IN HEAVEN!).

A6: Jeremiah 33:20 - 22

Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; [Then] may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed (*THE CHILDREN AND BABIES*) of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

A7: Isaiah 28: 9

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. (THE KIDS IN HEAVEN WILL BE TRAINED IN SPECIALIZED CHILDREN'S GARDENS)

A8: Isaiah 54: 11-14

(*TALKING TO THE CELESTIAL CITY*) O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, [and] not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children (*AND WEANED BABIES*!)[shall be] taught of the LORD; and great [shall be] the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

27. So you mean that there is going to be sex among us in Heaven?

A1: Yes.

A. Between Jesus and us His Bridegroom Church of all ages. Hallelujah!

Isaiah 62: 4, 5

(*THE LORD SPEAKING TO HEAVENLY ZION:*) Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For [as] a young man marrieth a virgin, [so] shall thy sons marry thee: and [as] the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, [so] shall thy God rejoice over thee.

(Hosea 2:19, 20) (Romans 7: 4) (Revelation 21: 9) (Isaiah 61:10) (Zephaniah 3:17)

B. Among us his sons and daughters

Having sex is the first commandment God gave man in Genesis 1:28a (And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:), and very surely it will still stand, taking into account the following promise:

Jeremiah 33:22

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed (*THE CHILDREN*) of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Even more, The 7 portions of Scripture we share talking about the children who are going to be born in Heaven, [(Psalm 87: 5, 6) (Isaiah 61: 6, 9) (Isaiah 66: 9, 11 - 13) (Matthew 19:14) (Isaiah 66: 22) (Jeremiah 33:20 - 22) (Isaiah 54: 11 - 14)] are also irrefutable proof that we, their parents, will then be able to enjoy intimate sexual relations, which will produce those fabulous babies.

However, as Jesus predicts that there will be no individual marriages in Heaven,

"For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." (Matthew 22:30) (Mark 12:25) (THEY DO NOT GET MARRIED, BUT MAY STILL BE MALES AND FEMALES -Zech. 5: 9-)

The only logical answer that some of us children of God can think of, is that just as at certain specific moments in history the Lord has allowed, or even commanded his children in obedience, to have intimate relationships beyond the letter of the law, in order to fulfill some of his loving and inscrutable purposes,

- Lot with his daughters (Genesis 19: 30-38),
- Tamar with her father-in-law Juda (Genesis 38)
- Moses with the Cushite woman (Numbers 12:1) (Deut.7:3,4)
- Esther with a pagan king (Esther:2) (Deut.7:3,4)
- Hosea with his wives (Hosea 1: 2, 3; 3: 1 3),
- Mary -being already married to Joseph- with our own God, (Luke 1:35)

And God knows how many other cases must have happened in history where he, in all his attributes, could have granted this kind of dispensation. Even <u>he himself with full autonomy over time has changed the norms (not only referring to sex, but also to any other subject), depending on the occasion, time. need and culture:</u>

- In the Old Testament it was much more common and acceptable to have several women than in the New Testament, (Genesis 25: 6) (2 Samuel 5: 13) (1 Corinthians 7: 2),
- To the first parents, before and after the flood, God allowed them to have intimate relationships with very close female relatives, like sisters (Genesis 4:17) or nieces (Genesis 11: 28, 29)

Also therefore in the future when circumstances change from heaven to earth in the Jerusalem Above, our beloved God will have the right to establish in all his omiscience new rules of the game regarding our intimate relationships.

Or when the prophet Isaiah predicts that at a future time, God knows when, The port city of Tire will have commerce with the whole world (which God has always called spiritual or commercial fornication), and how the profits from all commercial transactions will be "for those who dwell before the LORD, so that they eat enough , and - they wear clothes that last", that is, for the children of the Lord of that time. (Isaiah 23: 15b - 18) And prostitution salary, to the Mosaic laws nowadays is an abomination. (Deuteronomy 23:18)

All of the latter is unintelligible to us at this time. The only thing we can conclude is that in the New Jerusalem there will be very close, loving, physical, and pleasant relationships, and that from these endless loving and pleasant relationships children will come out for the Glory of God! Hallelujah! The rest will only be known when by his grace we'll get there!

1 Corinthians 2: 9

But as it is written, <u>Eye hath not seen</u>, <u>nor ear heard</u>, <u>neither have entered into the heart of man</u>, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Isaiah 64: 4

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; <u>at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.</u>

Dear Jesus, we rejoice in the hope of the ecstasy that awaits us there in your Heavenly Mansions just as you have promised! How much we thank you in advance, even without fully understanding all of it. Hallelujah forever!

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Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

Jeremiah 31: 3, 25

