

Sexual Morality is Determined By God

Selected Scriptures

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God designed and prescribed sanctified human sexuality in the garden when He made Adam and Eve (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25). The Lord Jesus reiterated the foundational nature of God's original design in marriage when He answered a question about marriage and divorce (Matt 19:1ff).

2. _____
Shortly after the fall, men began to manifest sin in many ways including in the area of sexuality (cf. Gen. 4:18ff). Following the flood, the God-given standards sexual morality and sexual activity continued to be eroded in the expanding society (Gen. 19). When God called Israel out of Egypt, every civilization was marked in some way by their acceptance and practice of sexual immorality (Lev. 18:3, 24-27). God reaffirmed His single prescription of acceptable sexuality in His prohibition of the myriad of different forms sexual immorality (Lev. 18, 20).

3. _____
The Scriptures are clear both in prescription and in prohibition of acceptable sexuality. It is from the clear backdrop of sanctified sexuality in marriage (cf. Heb. 13:4; cf. 1 Tim. 4:3) that God has painted a picture of just how good (Eph 5:22ff) our relationship with Him is to be. He has also used the image of the destruction of marriage because of sexual immorality to describe just how bad (Ezek 23; Hos. 1) unfaithfulness to Him is.