

# The Meaning And Menace Of Sex

Marriage, Sexuality And Singleness | Part 3 of 6

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*Text: Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-25*

*Big Idea: Sexual intimacy in the right biblical context is a blessing, but in the wrong context it can be enormously destructive.*



Jeremiah 5:7-9, “Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes. 8They are well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for another man’s wife. 9Should I not punish them for this?” declares the Lord. “Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?”

Genesis 1:27-28, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 2:18, The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:21-22, “So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.”

## **I. The Marvelously Meaningful Purposes Of Sex In The Right Context.**

**A. It fuses the marriage relationship of a husband and wife together in an intimate bond.**

Genesis 2:24-25, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known but not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense. It humbles us out of our self-righteousness and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.” Tim Keller

**B. It is designed for the enjoyment and pleasure of the married couple.**

1 Timothy 6:17b, “... richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

Deuteronomy 24:5, "If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one year he is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married."

**C. It is for the birth and nurture of godly children.**

Genesis 1:28b, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."

**II. The Destructive Menace Of Sexual Intimacy In The Wrong Context.**

Job 31:11-12a, "For that would have been shameful, a sin to be judged. 12It is a fire that burns to Destruction."

Job 31:1, "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

**III. When We Have Violated God's Will Sexually, He Offers Forgiveness And Redemption.**

Psalm 51:1-2, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."