

Fornication

In its most general sense fornication refers to any kind of sexual sin, including things like adultery, homosexuality, and sexual intimacy with near of kin (incest). God told his people Israel what was right and what was wrong about sexual intimacy. And to be America, God's way we must obey the commands he gave to them, because right and wrong about sexual intimacy never change.

Sins of sex are always very destructive. For the apostle Paul said about fornication, **“Flee fornication. Every sin, whatever a man may do, is outside the body, but he who fornicates sins against his own body”** (First Corinthians 6:18). And Solomon said this about Adultery: **“He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who would destroy his own soul does it”** (Proverbs 6:32).

Every society that indulges in fornication becomes degenerate and decadent, with a weak and rotting social fabric. Moreover, it becomes lawless and violent. The animal passions of the flesh are unleashed, like gasoline leaking from an automobile.

Be not deceived by the lies of the devil's disciples. Open your eyes and look at reality. Which are the neighborhoods that are crumbling and full of violence? Are they the ones with strong moral and righteous families? Or are they the ones where marriage has disintegrated and sexuality is wide open?

Remember these words of Paul: **“Be not misled, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows this he will also reap”** (Galatians 6:7). That is true not only of individuals, but also of societies. Flee fornication in all of its evil forms. The temporary thrills of fornication are like psychoactive drugs. Indulgence inevitably leads to many sorrows and evils, and a shorter life.

God created marriage to satisfy the sexual appetite. And done God's way, marriage is the most beautiful and wonderful experience anyone can have in this life. Done differently it can be like hell. And you can find good examples of both ways.

Sexual intimacy with near of kin

God forbade incest of his people Israel. The text says, **“None of you shall approach to any who are near of kin to him, to uncover nakedness. I am Jehovah”** (Leviticus 18:6). The near of kin included both biological and legal near of kin. The expression “uncover nakedness” refers to sexual intercourse. Incest was not a problem early in the creation of mankind, but it is now. Geneticists can tell you why.

The relatives mentioned in the law, whose nakedness was not to be uncovered, included these: mother, step-mother, sister, step-sister, sister-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, aunt. The law against a man uncovering the nakedness of his daughter is mentioned indirectly:

“Thou shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter ...” (Leviticus 18:17).

Whether or not it was wrong to literally uncover their nakedness probably depended upon the circumstances. A man was no doubt allowed to see the nakedness of his baby daughter, but it would not have been right to see her nakedness when she became older, especially after adolescence.

The specific penalty mentioned for violating some of those restrictions was death. For example one text says, **“And the man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness. Both of them shall surely be put to death, their blood shall be upon them. And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have wrought perversion. Their blood shall be upon them”** (Leviticus 20:11-12).

Specific penalties were not mentioned for all of the cases that were forbidden. In some cases the penalty was being cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. In other cases the text says they would die childless. Nevertheless, those passages suggest the penalty for all of those violations was death. Being cut off and dying childless implies immediate death.

Adultery

The seventh of the ten commandments says, **“Thou shall not commit adultery.”** In the sight of God adultery is like murder; it kills the “one flesh” of marriage. For the prophet Ezekiel said that adulteresses were women who shed blood: **“And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses, and blood is on their hands”** (Ezekiel 23:45).

There is no sin against marriage that is more destructive than adultery. It is a betrayal of the wedding vows. In fact, marriage betrayal and unfaithfulness have become euphemisms for adultery. Moreover, adultery often results in the conception of bastards.

The main solution to bastards in modern America is just to murder them before they are born. Adultery was a capital offense in the law of Moses, but this evil generation of Americans it a crime in only about half of our states. And even in those it is considered a minor offence. That attitude about adultery is a symptom of serious moral decadence, and we are becoming a nation of bastards. Our negro subculture is already populated by a majority of bastards.

There are many words of warning in the Bible against adultery. For example, Solomon said, **“He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who would destroy his own soul does it”** (Proverbs 6:32).

And it was the only cause Jesus said that justified divorce: **“And I say to you, that whoever may divorce his wife, not for fornication, and will**

marry another, commits adultery. And he who married her who has been divorced commits adultery” (Matthew 19:9). Fornication is the more general term that covers sexual sins involving a man and a woman, including adultery. Hence, a woman guilty of fornication before marriage, or adultery afterward, could be divorced if her Christian husband learned of it.

God sometimes accused his nation Israel of committing adultery against him. After the destruction of the ten tribes of Israel, Jehovah said to his prophet Jeremiah, **“And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not, but she also went and played the harlot”** (Jeremiah 3:8). Jehovah pleaded for the tribe of Judah to return to him, but when they refused he destroyed them also.

Testing for adultery

Because adultery is often difficult to prove, the law that God gave his people Israel provided a way for a husband to test his wife’s faithfulness. If a man was suspicious of his wife, and became jealous toward her, he could bring her to the priest for testing. It was called the law of jealousy (see the book of Numbers).

The whole process was a form of lie detection. The procedure described here in the law of Moses was unlike modern lie detection procedures, which rely on detecting subtle physiological changes that are amplified electronically. The method used by the priest relied upon the more extreme and noticeable changes of emotional arousal, such as what happens in a panic reaction or a panic attack. You can read more of what I say about it in my book *The Law of God: Before and After Christ*.

Of course, a hardened and conscienceless woman would not have been as vulnerable to that test. Nevertheless, if morality had been high, and this law was known and practiced, then the development of such sinful women would have been rare. Moreover, such women are quickly exposed by their loose behavior, and such a lie detection procedure would not be necessary for them.

Most of the laws of Moses were designed for those ancient times and circumstances, and were never intended to be useful for all times. And there is no doubt this law for a jealous husband was one of them. Nevertheless, there are timeless principles of justice and righteousness in all of the laws, which could certainly be applied to America, God’s way. For when Paul was speaking to the Jews he said they had **“in the law the essence of knowledge and truth”** (Romans 2:20).

Why a woman would not be put to death as an adulteress, if she failed the test, is not told. Perhaps because there was no other evidence against her she was spared death. Nevertheless, if she failed that test she would still **“be a curse among her people,”** which would have been a severe punishment.

If the accused woman was innocent she was free from the curse and could conceive seed (children). The man was also free from iniquity. There is no sin in being suspicious and doing something properly about it. Sin is when suspicion leads to unjust behavior. Openness about suspicion is the right way to act. And the law of jealousy was a procedure relevant for that age to determine the truth, so that appropriate action could be taken either way.

Revealing the truth about adultery is how it ought to be done in America, God's way. Lingering suspicion is like a cancer in the oneness of flesh that is marriage.

Premarital fornication

In the law of Moses a man who seduced a virgin not betrothed was required to pay a dowry and marry her. However, if her father refused to give her to him, he was still required to pay the dowry. Premarital sexual intercourse, therefore, caused a less than honorable marriage for the man and woman. If the marriage was not allowed by her father, then the result was the loss of virginity by the unmarried woman, and the payment of an expensive dowry by the man. Of course, if they were concealed the only physical loss would be the virginity of the woman, and the risk to her of bearing a bastard.

A man who committed sexual intercourse with a betrothed bondmaid was to be punished, both he and the bondmaid. They were not to be put to death, but nothing more is said about what their punishment was to be. Perhaps it was left to the discretion of the judges.

The text says the reason they were not to be put to death was because she was not free. What that means is not clear. Perhaps being a bondmaid made her more vulnerable and subject to temptation, and that spared them death. Whatever punishment they received, the man was to bring a ram to the priest for a trespass offering to make atonement for him.

Premarital fornication is rampant during these evil times in America. It is a seductive but vicious temptation everywhere in the country, especially for the young. However, Paul wrote a serious warning about it. He said, **"Flee fornication. Every sin, whatever a man may do, is outside the body, but he who fornicates sins against his own body"** (First Corinthians 6:18). Remember that every time you are tempted. Flee from it.

Harlotry

One passage of the law that forbids harlotry is the following: **"Do not profane thy daughter, to make her a harlot, lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness"** (Leviticus 19:29). Harlotry is a tempting way for a woman to get money. I once watched a TV program where a policeman asked a young woman why she was a prostitute. The whore replied, "It's quick and easy."

The above law mentions one reason Jehovah outlawed harlotry. It says the land would become full of wickedness. And anybody with eyes can see that neighborhoods with much prostitution are filthy places with much lawlessness. And if they were good places before, they quickly degenerate when prostitution enters.

Scoffers who emphasize legalism claim the passage limits harlotry to the daughters of Israelites and not to any others. In other words, they claim prostitution was not outlawed in general. Nobody who understands the teachings of the Bible would agree. Rahab had been a harlot in Jericho before the sons of Israel destroyed it, but there is no evidence she remained one in Israel. There were no doubt harlots in Israel, but there were many things they did from time to time against the will of God.

Another law says, **Thou shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the wages of a dog, into the house of Jehovah thy God for any vow, for even both these are an abomination to Jehovah thy God**” (Deuteronomy 23:18). In the Bible a harlot was always a woman. The dog in that passage refers to male prostitutes. During Bible times calling a man a dog was an extreme insult. Jehovah considered the wages of any kind of prostitution to be unclean. A whore who contributes money to a church is actually insulting God with filthy money. One well-known modern preacher (now deceased) said he would accept money from the devil if he could use it for the Lord’s work. He was obviously unfamiliar with the above passage.

Rape

Raping a married woman was the same as adultery, and would require the death penalty for the guilty man. If a man raped a virgin not betrothed and it was found out, he was to pay her father fifty shekels of silver and marry her. And he could never divorce her, although she may have been able to leave him.

If a man raped a betrothed virgin in the city, and she did not cry out then they were both to be stoned to death. Obviously in the cities of those days a woman’s cry would have been heard. When Moses gave that command, he said, **“So thou shall put away the evil from the midst of thee”** (Deuteronomy 22:24). If a man raped a betrothed virgin outside the city, however, only the man was to die, because there would be nobody around to hear her.

It is common nowadays to hear of cases where a woman accuses a man of raping her, but he claims she consented. Such an accusation would not be admissible in the law of Moses unless the act was committed where nobody could have heard her cries. That law would not only encourage an assaulted woman to cry out for help, but it would help prevent false accusations by women.

False accusations by women in modern America have caused innocent men to be imprisoned for many years. Recent DNA evidence has exonerated many such men. However, I have never heard of the false

accuser being punished. Crime now often pays in this pagan generation of Americans.

During menstruation

Jehovah commanded, **“And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. And both of them shall be cut off from among their people”** (Leviticus 20:18). I know of no similar law in the nations of the world, including America. Yet being sexually intimate with a woman during her period of menstruation was so offensive to God, that he commanded they be cut off from among their people, which almost certainly meant being slain.

However, the offense mentioned in that passage must be about those who deliberately lie together during the woman’s menstrual period. For there is another law that says, **“And if any man lies with her, and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean”** (Leviticus 15:24). That obviously refers to times such as at the very beginning of her period when they were not yet aware of it.

Perverse sexual behavior

One of the most horrible perversions of sexual behavior is bestiality. There are three places in the law that say it is forbidden. The penalty for a guilty man or woman was death, and the beast was also to die. Another perversion of sex that was forbidden was homosexuality, and it too was a capital crime.

Yet those perversions (and many others) are widely practiced by this pagan generation of Americans, and they go unpunished. Indeed, they are now considered rights by law. Our very degenerate entertainment business has romanticized and glorified fornication and harlotry for a long time, and now they are beginning to do that with homosexuality.

They defile the land

Jehovah warned his people to shun all those sexual sins. He said they were abominations that defile a land. He said it was for doing just such things that he wanted the peoples of their promised land exterminated. Here is the warning he gave: **“Do not defile ye yourselves in any of these things [the various sins of sexual behavior]. For in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you, and the land is defiled. Therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.**

“Ye therefore shall keep my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the home-born, nor the stranger that sojourns among you, (all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and the land is defiled), that the land not vomit you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

“For whoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. Therefore ye shall keep my charge, that ye not practice any of these abominable customs, which were practiced before you, and that ye not defile yourselves in it. I am Jehovah your God” (Leviticus 18:24-30).

God has many ways to cause a land to vomit out its inhabitants. He can use the forces of nature and the forces of man. Remember these things when you see a people being replaced in a land. A modern example, perhaps, is how European countries are becoming populated with an increasing percentage of Muslims. Islam is a very evil religion, but Muslims are not as guilty of practicing such sexual sins as modern Europeans who have embraced humanism, and forsaken Christ for paganism.

In a similar way the people of my country are being populated with a greater percentage of Hispanics and other foreigners, and nobody can stop them in spite of many efforts to try. It will not be stopped until the people repent, stop committing all those sins of sexual behavior, and stop murdering their babies. God is causing our land to vomit such sinners out.

