What The Bible Says About ---

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Part Eleven

What The Bible Says About - SEX

One of the greatest gifts God ever gave to the human race was sex, the physical union between a husband and wife, married to each other, both for procreation of the specie and mutual pleasure. In our lifetime we are seeing Satan take this precious gift to annihilate the human race through the abolition of the family.

Genesis 2:18-25
And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. [19] And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. [20] And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. [21] And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; [22] And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. [23] And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. [24] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. [25] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

I believe every “thinking man” would say a hearty “Amen!” to God’s observation that it is not good for man to be alone. The information given us in the above scriptures fly directly in the face of today’s societal mores. God created three primary entities or structures for our betterment:

✔ The Home
✔ The Government
✔ The Church

But the very first unit was the HOME. God ordained that the home should be the bulwark of all society. Brick by brick, truth by truth, in my own lifetime I have seen Satan’s handiwork at destroying the family, the home.
God created sex between a married man and woman - married to each other! - as the physical source for propagating the race as well as for their mutual pleasure (see the Song of Solomon). But Satan and his twisted world system have severely tarnished sex and are using it for the destruction of creation.

Pastor (Dr.) John MacArthur (who has pastored the same church in L.A. for over forty years) startled me recently by describing what he called the greatest terrorist act in human history. No, not ISIS, not even the cowardly attack on 9/11 that killed about three thousand people. MacArthur (a relative of General Douglas MacArthur) claims the greatest terrorist act in history was accomplished by the United States Supreme Court when it sanctioned abortion as legal and “acceptable” among us. This wholesale murder has now claimed over 50 million children in the United States, more than all the terrorist attacks by rabid Muslims put together - and almost as many now as were killed on every front in World War II in the deadliest war in human history.

Further - our Supreme Court took it upon itself to “redefine” morality as clearly proscribed by God in His Holy Word when it sanctioned “same-sex marriage.” No human court has that right, that of changing God’s decrees! This is rebellion and blasphemy against God and His holy laws. And we had better take it seriously!

Until recent years, America had a reprieve from this sort of thing on a national level. There was an inner core in this country that stood against that which was contrary to God’s laws. But the reprieve is over and today’s world has set itself dead against God and His decrees. And we haven’t seen anything yet! 2 Tim. 3:1-7 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. [2] For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, [4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; [5] Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. [6] For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, [7] Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Tim. 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

It’s not going to get better, friends - society has now dropped into a cesspool - and it likes it!

The battle against the family is now on! And I do not believe there will ever be a cease-fire in this war until the Prince of Peace comes to rule and reign. Satan is bound and
determined to destroy the very centerpiece of society - and that is the family and the home.

God ordained that marriage - that is the union between a man and a woman - be the essential ingredient in his order of righteousness. He created a male and a female to create and continue life. But Satan’s goal, so clearly manifest among us now, is the elimination of all family by substituting another kind of marriage - male to male and female to female - that cannot reproduce through natural means.

Today we hear alleged ministers of the Gospel condoning same-sex marriage and indicating that somehow God approves. Then they will have to explain the Word: Romans 1:21-32 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, [23] And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. [24] Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: [25] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. [26] For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: [27] And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; [29] Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, [30] Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31] Without understanding, covenantbreakers, [without natural affection], implacable, unmerciful: [32] Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Explain to me how any reader of Scripture can misconstrue what the preceding lines clearly say!

Now let’s take a look at where Satan is leading today’s generation: About 50% of all births now in this country are illegitimate. Satan has glorified recreational sex and the fall-out is upon us big time! Nearly one-half of all the 20 million new cases of sexually
transmitted diseases each year occur in young people between 15 and 24. That is not
surprising given these facts: According to figures this week from the Center for Disease
Control and Prevention, here is the percentage of high school students who have had
sexual intercourse (listed by grade level):
• 12th grade – 64.1%
• 11th grade – 54.1%
• 10th grade – 41.4%
• 9th grade – 30.0%
• All students in high school – 46.8%
All of these have been involved in sexual activity reserved by God for married husbands
and wives - married to each other.

What is happening to children who grow up without live-in fathers? Hang on to
your hat and behold the destruction Satan is bringing this society who holds little or
no sexual restraint:

• Researchers found that “compared to families with two natural parents living in the
home, adolescents from single-parent families have been found to engage in
greater and earlier sexual activity.” Journal of Behavioral Medicine
• Fatherless children are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse,
mental illness, suicide, poor educational performance, teen pregnancy and
criminality. Survey on Child Health
• Teenagers living in a single parent household are more likely to abuse alcohol and
at an earlier age compared to children reared in a two parent household. Journal
of Studies on Alcohol
• A study of 156 victims of child sexual abuse found that the majority of the children
came from disrupted or single-parent homes. U.S. Dept of Justice
• Fatherless children are at dramatically greater risk of suicide. U.S. Dept of
Health and Human Services
• A study of preschool children admitted to New Orleans hospital as psychiatric
patients found that nearly 80% came from fatherless homes. Journal of American
Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
• Children reared by a divorced or never-married mother are less cooperative and
score lower on tests of intelligence than children reared in intact families.
Growing up in a female-headed household remained a statistical predictor of
behavior problems even after adjusting for differences in family income.
Economic Deprivation and Early Childhood Development - Pamela Klebanov
• Children with fathers at home tend to do better in school, are less prone to
depression and are more successful in relationships. National Association of
Elementary School Principals
• Children of never married mothers are more than twice as likely to have been treated for an emotional or behavioral problem. *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

• Children from mother-only families have less of an ability to delay gratification and poorer impulse control (that is, control over anger and sexual gratification). These children also have a weaker sense of conscience or sense of right and wrong. *Psychopathological Disorders of Childhood / Wiley and Sons*

• 80% of adolescents in psychiatric hospitals come from broken homes. *Family Matters - Christian Century*

• The economic consequences of a father’s absence are often accompanied by psychological consequences, which include higher-than-average levels of youth suicide, low intellectual and education performance and higher than average rates of mental illness, violence and drug use.” *Progressive Policy Institute*

• Nationally, 15.3 percent of children living with a never married mother and 10.7 percent of children living with a divorced mother have been expelled or suspended from school, compared to only 4.4 percent of children living with both biological parents. *Journal of Marriage and Family*

• Kids who exhibited violent behavior at school were 11 times as likely not to live with their fathers and six times as likely to have parents who were not married. *American Journal of Public Health*

• Kids who live with both biological parents at age 14 are significantly more likely to graduate from high school than those with a single parent or neither parent. *The Effects of Marital Status*

• 72% of adolescent murderers grew up without fathers. 60% of America’s rapists grew up the same way. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*

• Seventy percent of juveniles in state reform institutions grew up in single or non-parent situations. *Survey of Youth in Custody*

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A man on Florida’s death row told me face-to-face recently, “If you had been my father, I wouldn’t be in here!”

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**THE BLUR BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN**

The media lately has been transfixed by a former Olympian male who has attempted to turn himself into a woman. Recently ESPN awarded him the ESPY bravery award causing most red-blooded males in this country to want to vomit. This blurring of the sexes is a vicious assault on the family and human sexuality by Satan, and it is in direct violation of scripture:
Deut. 22:5

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.

Deut. 23:1

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

1 Cor. 6:9-10

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. [10] Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Before moving on to God's position on positive sex in marriage, let me give you one more (among many possibles) scripture reference (and this has to do with incest):

Leviticus 18:5-24

Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

[6] None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the Lord. [7] The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. [8] The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. [9] The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. [10] The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. [11] The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. [12] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. [13] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. [14] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. [15] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. [16] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. [17] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. [18] Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. [19] Also thou shalt not approach
unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her
uncleanness. [20] Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to
defile thyself with her. [21] And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the
fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. [22]
Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. [23] Neither
shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman
stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. [24] Defile not ye yourselves
in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before
you:

We need to understand that the judicial courts are giving their support to the breaking
of these commandments from God. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PUT INTO
OFFICE FOR OUR PROTECTION ARE SANCTIONING THE VERY
GRIEVANCES AGAINST GOD THAT WILL BRING ABOUT OUR
DESTRUCTION. (This is not opinion; read your history books. History repeats
itself yet we still do not learn!)

But now let’s change direction and consider sex as God ordained it.

Any Christian counselor or pastor can tell you that there are followers of Jesus who
honestly consider sex as evil. That is a negativity coming out of that person’s culture or
background, but not scripture. Here is just one passage dealing with sex within
marriage:

Hebrews 13:4-5

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and
adulterers God will judge. [5] Let your conversation be without covetousness; and
be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor
forsake thee.

That is a powerful word from the Lord. Being married is an honorable situation and
within that married relationship, the bed is undefiled. What does that mean. It means
that sexual activity mutually agreed upon, between the husband and wife, is pure and not
defiled.

Just because Satan and his world system have infested sex with immorality does not mean
that sex itself is immoral. Sexual desires are not in themselves wrong. Every male and
every female to some extent or another will have sexual feelings. You were given those
impulses by God for two reasons: 1) certainly for procreation and 2) for the delight of a
husband and wife enjoying each other.

Some will protest: "No, no, sex is just for procreation and any enjoyment involved in sex is wrong." Well - YOU are wrong. Scripture says different. While sexual expression is absolutely forbidden in scripture outside of the marriage relationship, it is COMMANDED within the marriage relationship. Married couples are commanded not to "defraud" each other. 1 Cor. 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. That word "defraud" means "deprive." Clearly put, the Bible commands married couples not to deprive each other of sex for any reason other than for fasting and prayer.

Some will protest, "Well, that's just for young marrieds." Abraham would refute that, I believe. The need for sex was built into you, as were hunger and need for sleep. When you were born again, those needs continued. Why would anyone conclude that the need for sex leaves after salvation? It does not. Born-again husband and wives who deprive each other of sex, thinking the act is somehow evil, are not wise in scripture, for the Bible teaches that (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. The Spirit-inspired Word of God teaches that sex should be healthy and normal in the lives of Christian husbands and wives.

So....what is considered healthy sex between husbands and wives?

1. Closeness. True affection. Delight in each other. It is commonly believed that women need affection more than men, but I'm not sure that's true. The more affection that is displayed, the closer the relationship will become. This is not rocket science! Holding hands, kissing, spending time along together, showing real kindness to each other make enormous difference in marriage relationship and can often lead to very gratifying sex.

2. Communication. There just has to be 2-way conversations in marriage. It is sad when men and women, followers of Jesus, often share the same home and the same bed, but they don't share their hearts, their minds, their thoughts. There is little or no sense of singleness of purpose, of being ONE FLESH. The two assume that their mates just somehow "know" their needs and wants. If husbands and wives would simply learn to talk to each other - honestly, forthrightly - it would go a long, long ways in contributing to a healthy and happy home life. God's ideal is for husbands and wives to be one flesh and talking to each other is necessary for that to happen.
Someone has said, “The ideal marriage is not ‘give and take.’ No, it’s ‘give and give.’” Great marriage is NOT 50-50; it’s 100-100! Giving all of ourselves to each other.

3. Mutual affection! Very often, what delights a woman is one thing and what delights a man is another. The husband and wife are mutually concerned about the other’s needs. 1 Cor. 7:3-4

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. [4] The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. The Bible teaches us men, “Hey - don’t just claim your rights! Consider your wife’s rights!” And the same goes for the wives. The Christian couple will not demand sexual gratification without concern for the other’s needs.

4. Mutual satisfaction. The Word makes it clear that in the marriage bed, it is the joy of both husband and wife to make the other happy, to give the other sexual satisfaction. Here we can believe our Lord’s teaching, “It is more blessed to GIVE than to RECEIVE.”

A Word About Sex Education

This vital teaching should come - must come - from the parent, the God-honoring, Scripture-following parent! That teaching should be a healthy and respectful addressing of the facts of life, based upon the Word of God. The child should know that sex is God-given and if used according to the Lord’s admonition will become one of life’s greatest delights. Outside of marriage it will bring brutal results. The child is not going to get this spiritual perspective in public education. It must come from the Godly parent. (Parent, your child WILL LEARN SEX from somebody! You make the determination who that will be!)

By the way, don’t insult your child’s intelligence by using euphemisms instead of the real names for body parts and functions (depending upon the age of your child). The subject should be approached with real love and no fear or embarrassment.

Summing Up:

1. Sex under scriptural stipulations is a good gift given to us by a good God who intentionally created sex as a means of procreation and pleasure.

2. Sex is the physical act God uses to populate the earth with people He loves. “For God so loved the world....”
3. It comes as a shocking mental setback to some who regard sex ONLY as a means of procreation that the bedroom of the Christian husband and wife can become their playground. This requires mutual respect, trust, patience and understanding.

4. Sex forces a married couple to be attentive to the needs and feelings of one another. Sex allows the couple to figure out ways to pursue each other, yes, long after marriage, doing things for each other that create mutual feelings of affection and care.

5. The unregenerated person will insult God’s gift and desecrate it; the follower of Jesus Christ will be thankful for the gift and treat it with the care it so richly deserves.

Next week: What the Bible says about THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.