

Conclusion:

Genesis 9:20-27

John 4:13-14

The Sins against Marriage, Part 3

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Proverbs 5:15, 17 *Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well.... Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you.* (Hebrews 13:4)

Sins against the exclusive intimacy that God intends for marriage:

1. General descriptions:

Malachi 2:14-15 *The LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.... Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.*

a. Leaving the companionship

Mal. 2:14; Prov. 2:17 *forsakes the companion of her youth.*

b. Forgetting the covenant

Mal. 2:14; Prov. 2:17 *forgets the covenant of her God.*

c. Dealing treacherously

Malachi 2:14-15; Proverbs 23:27-28 *For a harlot is a deep pit And an adulterous woman is a narrow well. Surely she lurks as a robber, And increases the faithless among men.*

- d. **Coveting / greed** (Ex. 20:17; Prov. 5:15; 1 Thes. 4:5; 1 Pet. 4:2; Jude 18; Eph. 5:3, 5; Eph. 4:19; John 4:5-29)

- e. **Nakedness before anyone other than your spouse.**

2. **Specific examples:**

- a. **Polygamy** (Gen. 4:19)
- b. **Prostitution** (Lev. 19:29; Gen. 38:13-18)
- c. **Adultery** (Ex. 20:14; Proverbs 2:16-19; Proverbs 7:10; Proverbs 5:20-21; Heb. 13:4; Eze. 6:9; Matt. 5:27-28)

Matthew 5:27-28 *You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

- d. **Divorce** (Mal. 2:16; Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:10-16).

Nakedness is appropriate only in the exclusive intimacy of a marriage covenant.

Genesis 2:25; Lev. 18:1-30; 20:26

Outside of marriage, its display is a degrading indication of God's judgment.

Leviticus 18:24-28; Lamentations 4:21; Habakkuk 2:16; Romans 1:24, 26; Rev. 16:15, 17:16

It is the opposite of the gospel.

Gen. 3:21; Ezekiel 16:8-10; Isaiah 61:10; Luke 15:22; Gal. 3:27; Rev. 19:7-9

It is the opposite of righteousness.

Ezekiel 18:7-9 *if a man ... covers the naked with clothing ... he is righteous and will surely live.*

Isaiah 58:6-8 *"Is this not the fast which I choose ... When you see the naked, to cover him ... Then your light will break out like the dawn ... and your righteousness will go before you."*

Matthew 25:36, 40 *"[I was] naked, and you clothed me... to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."*