

Jesus: Redeemer of Human Sexuality
Leviticus 18

- I. The Discomfort of the Issue
 - A. People don't want to talk about this topic
 - B. We have a lot of information, but very little knowledge and communication
 - C. The church has done a very poor job, on the whole throughout its history, dealing with this topic
 - D. Some statistics
- II. Our Text – “Any of These Abominations”
 - A. First – the language
 - B. The list
 - C. All of these are listed as “abominations”
- III. Why Does God Care About Sexuality?
 - A. This is one of God's first good gifts, given pre-Fall
 - B. There are some connections between the picture of the gospel and marital sexuality
 - C. Six ways that proper marital sexuality and the gospel are similar
 - 1. Both are gifts from God
 - 2. Both find their proper boundaries in a covenant relationship in which faithfulness is of highest importance
 - 3. Both can produce life
 - 4. Both are intended to display an attitude of self-sacrifice and good for the other
 - 5. Both can produce great joy in proper context
 - 6. Both can be distorted in such a way as to bring great sorrow in the lives of others

D. The Biblical texts

- 1. Song of Solomon – freedom within the walls
- 2. Proverbs – warnings against the “foreigner”; delight in the spouse
- 3. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5