# GOD'S VIEW TOWARD HUMAN SEXUALITY

# **ORIGINAL BLESSING**

#### Genesis

#### **Genesis 1:26-28**

26 God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So Elohiym created man in His own image, in the image of Elohiym created He him, **MALE and FEMALE** created He them.

28 And God <u>blessed</u> them and said, **Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth**, subdue it, have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, IT WAS VERY GOOD.

#### Genesis 2:18-25

18 And Jehovah said, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him a helper suitable for him."

19 Out of the ground Jehovah Elohiym formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So <u>Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field, but</u> among them all, for Adam there was not found any helper suitable for him.

21 And Jehovah Elohiym caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept. And the Lord took one of Adam's ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which Jehovah Elohiym had taken from man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 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 Jehovah said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

25 They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

(man was made from the dust of the earth, woman made from the rib taken out of the side of the man.) *Genesis 2:7 and 2:21-22* 

# SIN ENTERED THE WORLD The result of sin:

#### Genesis

3:16 God said to the woman, I will greatly multiply your sorrow in your conception.

- ☆ In sorrow you shall bring forth children.
- **Your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you**.

6:1-4 Sons of God married Daughters of Men (produced Nephilim)

# **NEW BEGINNING WITH BLESSING**

#### Genesis

9:1 And God **<u>blessed</u>** Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

# **COMMANDMENTS OF THE LAW**

# **Exodus** 21:7-11 **Regarding a purchased maidservant and a man's responsibility toward her**,

- $\diamond$  She may not be sold, but she may be redeemed.
- $\diamond$  If he betrothed her to his son, he must treat her as a daughter.
- ♦ If he takes another wife he shall not diminish her food, clothing, or marriage rights.
- 20:14 Do not commit adultery.
- 22:16-17 Penalty for seduction of a virgin
- 22:19 Bestiality (sexual relations with an animal) brings death penalty.

# **Forbidden Sex**

#### Leviticus

18:6 Incest: Sex with near relative

18:7 Mother

- 18:8 Step Mother
- 18:9 Sister or Half Sister
- 18:10 Granddaughter
- 18:11 Half Sister

18:12 Aunt (father's side)

18:13 Aunt (mother's side)

18:14 Aunt (uncle's wife, father's side)

18:15 Daughter In Law

18:16 Sister In Law (brother's wife)

18:17 A Woman and her Daughter and her Grand Daughter

18:18 Sister In Law (wife's sister) Do not marry your wife's sister while your wife is still alive.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMANDMENTS**

#### Leviticus

18:19 Do not have sexual relations with a woman during her menstrual period.

18:20 Do not commit adultery

18:21 Do not give your children to be sacrificed to Molech

18:22 Homosexuality forbidden as an ABOMINATION to God.

18:23 Bestiality (sexual relations with an animal)

18:24-25 The above sins are the reason the land had vomited out its inhabitants that Israel was commanded to utterly destroy.

#### Leviticus

19:20-22 Sexual relations with a bondmaid who is betrothed to another.

19:29 Do not prostitute your daughter or cause her to become a whore or a prostitute.

20:1-5 Penalty for sacrificing children to Molech (death by stoning)

20:6 Penalty for people who follow witchcraft (familiar spirits, and wizards) following them in sexual immorality (no atonement)

20:10 Penalty for adultery (death)

20:11 Penalty for sexual contact with father's wife (death)

20:12 Penalty for sexual contact with daughter in law (death)

20:13 Penalty for homosexual acts (death)

20:14 Penalty for marrying wife and her mother (death by fire)

20:15-16 Penalty for bestiality (sexual relations with an animal) (death)

20:17 Penalty for marriage to Half Sister (cut off in the sight of their people), he has dishonored his sister

20:18 Penalty for sexual contact with a woman during her menstrual period (cut off from among his people)

20:19 Aunt (sister of mother or father) (They shall bear their sin)

20:20 Aunt (uncle's wife) (They shall bear their sin)

20:21 Sister In Law (brothers wife) (they shall remain childless)

# Leviticus

21:7 A priest must not marry a woman who is a whore, a prostitute, profane, or divorced. A priest is holy to his God.

21:9 Penalty for a priest's daughter who becomes a prostitute (death by fire)

# Numbers

5:11-31 JEALOUSY, suspicion of unfaithfulness (test & curse)

#### **Deuteronomy**

5:16 Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long, and that it might go well with you in the land the Lord gives you.

5:18 Do not commit adultery

#### **Deuteronomy**

21:10-14 Responsibility toward sexual relations with captive women

21:15-17 <u>Two wives</u>, and right of the first born

22:13-19 Unjust charge against a bride

22:20-21 Penalty for whoredom (death by stoning)

22:22 Penalty for adultery (death)

22:23-24 Penalty for Rape of an engaged virgin in the city when she did not cry out for help (death to both)

22:25-27 Penalty for Rape of an engaged virgin in the field who cried out for help (death to the rapist only) the girl goes free, there was no one to save her.

22:28-29 Penalty for Rape of a virgin who is not engaged (the rapist pays her father fifty shekels of silver, she becomes his wife, his right to divorce is forever forfeited)

#### **Deuteronomy**

22:30 His father's former wife, or a woman who belongs to his father

23:1 A man wounded in the testicles or who has had his penis cut off shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

23:2 A Bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord nor his children for ten generations.

23:10-11 Unclean until sundown by reason of wet dream (requires bathing)

23:17 There shall be no whore or prostitute of the daughters of Israel.

23:17 There shall be no homosexual of the sons of Israel

23:18 Do not bring the WAGES OF A PROSTITUTE or the PRICE OF A DOG (MALE PROSTITUTE - A SODOMITE) into the house of the Lord your God as an offering or a pledge. Both are an abomination to the Lord your God.

24:1-4 Divorce and remarriage and return is abomination to God

24:5 First year of marriage

25:5-10 Duty of a husband's brother

#### **Deuteronomy**

27:20 Curse for sex with Father's Wife

27:21 Curse for Bestiality (sexual contact with animals)

27:22 Curse for sexual contact with Sister or Half Sister

27:23 Curse for sexual contact with Mother In Law

# Malachi

2:13-16 GOD HATES DIVORCE (it represents treachery toward your wife) God will not hear your prayers.

# **NEW TESTAMENT**

#### Matthew

5:27-28 To look with lust is adultery

5:31-32 Divorce and remarriage to another is adultery (responsibility of the man)

15:18-20 Adultery and Fornication are defilements from the heart

19:3-12 Divorce is not God's will of **one flesh**, but it is man's weakness

22:23-33 There will be no marriage in the resurrection

24:36-39 Marriage and giving in marriage will continue until Jesus comes.

# Mark

7:20-23 Adultery and Fornication are defilements from the heart

10:2-12 Divorce is not God's will of **one flesh**, but it is man's weakness

12:18-27 There will be no marriage in the resurrection

# Luke

16:18 Divorce and marriage to another is adultery

20:27-36 There will be no marriage in the resurrection

# John

4:1-42 Woman at the well had 5 husbands, the one she is now living with is not her husband

8:1-1 Woman caught in the act of adultery (Jesus did not condemn her but called her to repentance)

# Acts

15:1-21 Gentiles are commanded to abstain from the pollution of idolatry, from Fornication, from what is strangled (meat with blood in it), and from eating or drinking blood itself, by the council of apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

15:22-29 The letter from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem commanded Gentiles to be under no other burden than to abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from Fornication

21:25 James and the elders repeat the command decision that as for the Gentiles who believe they had written that the Gentiles should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what is strangled, and from Fornication

# Romans

1:18-32 Men refused to acknowledge God, so God gave them up to lusts of the flesh and a reprobate mind (vile desires, and homosexuality)

7:1-3 Marriage is binding until the death of one then she is free to marry again

13:8-14 Love is the fulfillment of the law. Because of love you shall not commit adultery, or kill, or steal, or covet, and if there is any other commandment it is summed up in this, that you shall love your neighbor as yourself

# **1** Corinthians

5:1-13 Paul's instruction for handling immorality in the church.

6:9-11 Do not be deceived, Fornicators, Idolaters, Adulterers, Effeminate (Homosexuals), abusers of self with men (Sodomites), thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortionists <u>shall not</u> inherit the kingdom of God.

6:12-14 The body is not for Fornication, but for the Lord.

6:15-16 He that has sexual relations with a Harlot (prostitute) is **<u>one flesh</u>** with her (married) (this demonstrates man's responsibility in sexual activity)

6:17-19 Whoever commits Fornication, sins against his own body

7:1-5 The wife's body belongs to the husband, the husband's body belongs to the wife. They are each subject to the needs of the other sexually.

7:6-9 It is better to marry than to burn with lust

7:10-11 Do not let the Wife leave the husband, and do not let the Husband leave his wife

7:12-16 Let the unbeliever leave if there is no peace (no bondage in such a case)

7:17-24 Abide in the calling in which God has called you

7:25-38 To the virgins, remain virgin if you can to be free to serve God without hindrance. It is not a sin for you to marry.

7:39 A woman is bound to her husband while he lives, when he is dead, she is free to marry whoever she wants in the Lord.

7:40 Paul feels she will be happier if she remains single.

10:6-13 Let history be an example to us today to remain true to God and avoid Idolatry and Fornication

11:2-16 God's chain of command - God, Christ, Husband, Wife. Head covering when praying or prophesying for women not for men. Hair length, short for men, long for women. (angels are affected)

# 2 Corinthians 6:14 thru 7:1 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers

12:20-21 Paul expressed his fear that when he comes he will find many that have not repented of their uncleanness, Fornication, and sensuality

#### Galatians

5:19-21 The works of the flesh: Fornication, uncleanness, lechery, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, Jealousy, wrath, factions, divisions, dissensions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, etc.

# **Ephesians**

4:17-22 Do not follow the ways the Gentiles, who walk in the vanity of their minds, and gave themselves up to lechery, and all works of uncleanness with greed.

# 5:3-7 Fornicators and whoremongers have no inheritance in the Kingdom of God.

5:21 **<u>Be subject to each other</u>** in the fear of the Lord.

5:22-24 **WIVES** be subject to your husbands in all things.

5:25-33 **HUSBANDS** love your wives like Christ loves the church.

- Christ died for her that He might sanctify her (set her apart making her special for Himself).
- He cleansed her by washing her with the Word of God, in order to present her to Himself as a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any thing like that. To present her holy and without blemish.
- ✤ HUSBANDS love your wives like your own flesh, nourish her and cherish her, like Christ does the church because we are members of His body. He that loves his wife loves himself.
- ✤ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife and <u>the</u> <u>two shall be one flesh</u>.
- ✤ Therefore <u>let each man</u> love his own wife like he loves himself.

6:1-3 **Children** obey your parents in the Lord, because that is right.

 ✤ Honor your father and mother so it may go well with you and you may live long on the earth. This is the first commandment that contained a promise.

6:4 **Parents** do not provoke your children to wrath, but nourish them, teaching them the counsel and admonition of the Lord.

# Colossians

3:5-9 Put away the old tendencies to sin like; Fornication, impurity, uncleanness, uncontrolled lust, evil illicit sexual desire, covetousness, which is idolatry. Also put away such things as anger, wrath, malice (bad feelings toward others), slander, and filthy language, lying etc.

3:18 **Wives** be subject to your husbands

3:19 **Husbands** love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

3:20 Children obey your parents in all things

3:21 **Parents** do not provoke your children so that they do not become discouraged.

# **1** Thessalonians

4:1-12 This is the will of God for your sanctification, that you abstain from Fornication, learn how to control your own body as a vessel in sanctification and honor. Not in passion of lust.

Love one another to set an example to the non believers.

# **1 Timothy**

2:8-15 **MEN**, pray lifting up holy hands, without wrath or quarreling.

**WOMEN**, be modest and sober, learn in quietness with submission. Continue in faith, love, and sanctification, with sobriety.

3:1-7 **BISHOP**, without reproach, husband of one wife, self controlled, attentive, orderly, hospitable, able to teach, not given to much wine, not violent, not greedy, patient, not quarrelsome, not covetous, one who rules his own house well and has his own children in subjection with all respect.

✤ If a man does not know how to run his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

3:8-13 **DEACON**, sincere, not two faced, not given to much wine, not greedy, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

- Let them first be proved, a husband of one wife, ruling their own children and their own houses well.
- **THEIR WIVES**, must be sincere, not slanderers, self controlled, faithful in all things.

#### 4:1-5 False teaching foretold for the end times:

- The Holy Spirit says that in the last days, some shall fall away from the faith, listening to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, whose consciences have been seared as though with a hot iron. Forbidding to marry, and commanding people to abstain from certain foods that God has created to be received with thanksgiving, by those who know and believe the truth.
- Every creature God has made is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

5:1-16 Proper attitude toward Elders, Young Men, Elder Women, Younger Women, Widows, Single Mothers, Young Widows, and domestic relations.

5:17-22 ELDER, who labors in the word and in teaching, the laborer is worthy of his hire.

# Hebrews

13:4 Let **marriage** be held in honor by all, and let the **marriage bed** be undefiled, because fornicators and adulterers will be judged by God.

# **1 Peter**

2:11 Abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul.

3:1-6 **WIVES**, be in subjection to your own husband, let your adorning be that beauty of the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great value in the sight of God.

3:7 **HUSBANDS**, live with your wives in an intelligent considerate way. Treat them with respect, cherish them as the more fragile vessel, honor them as joint heirs with you of the grace of life, <u>so that</u> your prayers will not be hindered.

4:1-6 The time that is past is sufficient to have done the works of the Gentiles (following the desires of the flesh), when we walked in lechery, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and abominable idolatry.

# 2 Peter

2:1-22 Warning against false teachers and destructive heresies in the end times. They will receive their just reward.

✤ They walk after the lusts of the flesh and teach people their ways, of rioting, covetousness, adultery, following the way of Balaam. They speak vanity, appealing to the lustful desires of the sinful nature.

# **Revelation**

2:12-17 Problems in the church at Pergamos: They had some in the church who held to the **doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balak to set a trap for Israel by enticing them to eat things sacrificed to idols, and commit fornication, which was similar to the **doctrine of the Nicolaitans** which they also embraced under the guise of Christianity.

2:18-29 Problems in the church at Thyatira: They allowed the woman **Jezebel** who called herself a prophetess, to teach and entice the people to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. She did not repent of her fornication.

9:20-21 They did not repent of their idolatry, murders, sorceries (magic of witchcraft), fornication, and theft.

14:8 **Babylon is fallen**, who made all nations drunk with the wine of her fornication.

17:1-18 Judgment of the Great Whore, **BABYLON THE GREAT, MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**, who committed fornication with the kings of the earth, and made the world drunk with the wine of her fornication. She was drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

18:1-24 **Fall of Babylon the Great**, who made all nations drunk with the wine of her fornication, and committed fornication with the kings of the earth.

21:8 Those who have their part in the Lake of Fire are the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars.

22:15 Excluded from Glory are dogs, sorcerers, sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and all liars.

# **TEACHING POINTS**

- 1. Man and Woman are made in the image of Elohiym (God).
- 2. It is not good for a man to live alone without a woman.

- 3. Naked, man and woman without sin in the original created environment are declared by God as "VERY GOOD."
- 4. God wanted man and woman to have eternal life (access to the Tree of Life was not restricted in the Garden of Eden before sin)
- 5. God did not want man and woman to have KNOWLEDGE of good and evil (access to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was forbidden)
- 6. God requires everyone to make a choice to obey or disobey (the fact that the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was available)
- 7. Sex was commanded as a *blessing* and intended to make a husband and wife to be "one ('echad) flesh"
- 8. Sin entered the world upon disobedience of Adam and Eve.
- 9. Sin brought end of innocence and with it a sense of guilt and shame.
- 10. After the purge of the Great Flood, God reinstated the Blessing for sexual relationships.
- 11. Sin again brought the COMMANDMENTS OF THE LAW, giving details of sinful sexual practices.
- 12. Sexual sins defiled the land of the Canaanite nations causing God to command Israel to utterly destroy the inhabitants of the land as they came in to possess the land.
- 13. The same sexual sins defile the land of every nation that practices them and the land will eventually vomit out its inhabitants.
- 14. The New Testament teachings confirm the teachings of the LAW, and indicate the dangers associated with these actions as they impact the eternal spiritual life.
- 15. No one will enter the eternal glory, whose sexual sins are not covered by the blood of Jesus, Their destiny will be the Lake of Fire.
- 16. Sex sins are not unforgivable.
- 17. They require repentance and cleansing by God's grace through faith in Jesus.