

PASSION AND PURITY SEXUALITY AND HOLINESS

SESSION #1 THE BODY IS FOR THE LORD AND THE LORD IS FOR THE BODY!

A) The Pagan Culture of Old Testament Times.....Pantheism:

- all of the physical world is god, god is contained in the physical realm
- worship of the creation/god expressed through fertility cults
- purpose to secure blessing of creation/gods for crops, prosperity, victory in battle
- temple prostitution of women, men and animals, ie, all creation, all god, oneness with all
- most of these cults involved child sacrifice, Jeremiah 7:31, 19:5
- these were the spiritual forces that came against the Old Testament Congregation

B) The Greek Culture of New Testament Times.... Platonism:

- Plato taught a dualism of higher reality and lower, of spiritual and physical, of thought and matter
- dualism of good and evil between spiritual and physical reality
- this dualism led to two extremes, Asceticism and Hedonism
- Asceticism said spirituality was total denial of the body through fasting & sexual abstinence
- Hedonism said that since the body was lower, nothing you did with it affected the mind, so do it all

C) Present Culture..... Mixture of Platonism and Paganism:

- the religious mind sees the body as dirty and that we sin because we have a body with its passions
- the secular mind sees the body as good and that I am my own god with the right to do whatever I want
- the Creator says one man for one woman for life
- the creature in rebellion says I will be god and accept no limits upon my life, especially my sexual life
- sexuality promiscuity, a worship of the creature above the Creator, Romans 1:25
- those who forsake life end by loving death, the sex/death culture, Proverbs 8:36, ie abortion, aids, occult

D)Biblical View of Physical Creation..... Creation is good (but not God) and made for God!

- "Then God saw everything that He had made and indeed it was very good." Genesis 1:31
- the physical body has no life without the spirit, Genesis 2:7
- the spiritual has no expression, cannot exercise dominion except through the physical
- the spiritual flows from the physical, John 7:38
- the physical carries, becomes saturated with the spiritual, Matthew 17:2, Acts 19:11- 12
- defilement does not come from the body but from the heart, Matthew 15:10- 20
- the body is morally neutral, ie, an instrument yielded unto life or death, Romans 6:13
- the body will be resurrected, not abandoned in the new creation, I Corinthians 6:14
- the body is for the Lord and the Lord is for the Body, ie, sex is not god! I Corinthians 6:13
- "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" I Corinthians 6:15

E) Biblical View of Sexuality..... Created for Pleasure! Communion and Union!

- why do couples kiss rather than rub elbows?
- one man and one woman for life as picture of Christ and Church
- the truth of countenance, face to face and fullness, Proverbs 5:15- 19
- the couple drink from one another and never lose what they give to each other
- communion and union, the longer the years of communion, the more they bring to the union

SESSION #2

GETTING FREE AND CLEAN

- A) Present Situation in Church..... Compromised, Squeezed into the World's Mold (Romans 12:2a);
- why is the 15- 25 age group mostly absent from our assemblies?
 - James Dobson says that the rate of premarital sex is about the same in the church as in the world
 - Dobson also says that the rate of pregnancy & abortion is higher- why?
 - relationships among singles patterned on secular dating, relational culture where sex is god
 - dating means some or all of the privileges of marriage with few or none of the responsibilities
- B) The Principle of Freedom.... to not come under bondage to anything.... I Corinthians 6:12
- holiness is not legalism but joyous freedom , Psalm 16:11, Romans 14:17
 - holiness is not based in keeping rules but in growing love, I Thessalonians 3:12- 13, Proverbs 4:18
 - you cannot fight something with nothing, you cannot fight passion with repression
 - you have been made as a being of passion, the question is holy and increasing or unholy?
- C) The One Flesh Principle and Consequences of Sexual Sin.... I Corinthians 6:16- 17
- sexual sin is not worse than any other but it has different consequences
 - God designed physical union to involve union of the whole person, ie, they become one
 - spiritual ties, soul ties and physical ties hold them together through life
 - multiple partners means ties to different people and no strong ties to any one person
 - if virgins when they marry, only about 5% will divorce, if not about 50% will divorce
 - multiple partners means that I have given away of myself and received from many, the feeling of emptiness and the loss of identity which can drive to more relationships
 - sexual relations are a prime avenue for transfer of unclean spirits
- D) Confession Regarding Sexual Sin... God is Light and God is Love! I John 1:3- 9
- light does not mean exposure, rejection, condemnation and shame but love and acceptance
 - satan has power in the darkness, coming into the light breaks his power
 - the blood cleanses in the light and breaks the power of sin
 - the healing anointing flows and heals the brokenness caused by sin and satan, James 5:16
 - confession in small group brings intimacy, you know me and I know you
 - sexual sin and sexual addictions are a substitute for real intimacy, based in the fear of intimacy
 - confession leads to the discovery of real intimacy and breaks the power driving the sexual addiction
 - Is it not enough to make a general confession to Jesus? Are you free or not?
 - the ministry of breaking soul ties
- E) Confession Regarding Abortion... God is Light and God is Love! I John 1:3- 9
- women bear most of the pain but men bear most of the responsibility, ie, most women would have kept their babies if the fathers had wanted the child
 - ask the Father to forgive you for murder, that life was not yours to take
 - name the baby, ie, fulfill one of the first responsibilities of parenthood
 - ask the baby to forgive you for taking its life (they are part of the cloud of witnesses, Hebrews 12:1)
 - forgive yourself and allow yourself to mourn the loss of the child!
 - receive ministry of deliverance for spirits of murder, suicide that may have entered during abortion
- F) Confession and Forgiveness for Wrong Relations Before Marriage
- how did you relate before marriage? Do you need to ask one another's forgiveness?
 - we protect in others what we protect in ourselves, we cannot raise a standard for our children
- G) Clean and Free Even in our Physical Bodies.... Hebrews 10:22, Psalm 29:9
- no matter what you have done, or what has been done to you, you can know you are clean
 - heart, mind and conscience sprinkled clean from every remembrance of evil, no shame
 - bodies washed with the pure water that came from His side, John 19:34

SESSION #3 THE DATING GAME..... SEXUALITY AND IDENTITY

A) Definition and Practice in the Secular Culture?

- dating relationship means some or all of the privileges of marriage with few or none of the responsibilities
- the question: how many dates before sexual relationship?

B) Definition and Practice in the Church Community? Where have all the 15- 25 year olds gone?

- dating relationship means some or all of the privileges of marriage with few or none of the responsibilities
- the question: how far is too far?

C) The First Question of Destiny: My Flesh or His Person!

- Adam chose to be with Eve in rebellion rather than without her and with God
- the move of God among young people and why it stops

D) Culture of Lust or Sanctification? I Thessalonians 4:1-8?

- knowing how to possess our vessels in sanctification and honour
- to defraud, to arouse desires that I cannot righteously satisfy
- the Creator's design to move through arousal to fulfillment, not perpetual lust
- what about masturbation? No direct mention in scripture but indirect, ie, lust & fantasy, Matthew 5:8

E) Jungle of the Hunters and the Hunted or Brothers and Sisters in Father's House?

- the dating culture makes your family members of same sex the competition & opposite sex the prey
- the girl who can only talk with guys and the guy who can only talk with girls
- young people from the world come to Jesus and come into the church culture- jungle or family?
- the insecure and the immature use the other to prop up their sense of identity, boyfriend or girlfriend
- when we use and allow ourselves to be used we learn to hate ourselves and the one who uses us
- this is the need/hate tension, the codependent cycle, the need you and then reject you cycle
- lack of identity turns relationships into conquest and sex from intimacy into performance

F) Learning Identity as Sons and Brothers, Daughters and Sisters in Father's House!

- the relational standard is brothers and sisters under the Father, I Timothy 5:2
- the first identity in life is son or daughter, then brother or sister, then husband or wife, then dad or mom
- early dating games short circuit this learning of identity, substitute looks & performance for character
- how will you get to know people? Work with them, watch them in the working life of the Kingdom
- what do you really learn about someone on a date? Even the devil can act nice for a couple of hours!
- the need? Fathers and Mothers in Israel for an orphan generation
- there is no learning, no wisdom outside of father/son relationship, Proverbs 4:1- 8

G) Priest Craft Cultures and the Creation of the Macho Man & the Matriarcal Family.....

- each man to be priest (to lift up family to God), to be prophet (to hear God), king (rule self & family)
- where priest class does this for all that leaves only one expression of manhood- sex, money, power
- wives are not wives but mistresses, mothers and house maids

H) The Kingdom Alternative to the Dating Culture..... Courtship!

- until emotionally, spiritually, financially, educationally ready for marriage it is brother & sister
- when ready for marriage trust God to direct and begin relationship with marriage in view
- process of hearing God, receiving counsel, being honest with the other person about intentions
- maturity to give and receive of self: not buying and selling: not performing

I) The Conflict of the Kingdoms is not a Conflict so much of Ideology as of Passion!

- the issue is not repression but a higher passion, we have been created as creatures of passion
- the issue is not control but abandonment to Jesus, not more will power but more of the Holy Spirit
- the man or woman with the deepest passion wins! Our God is a consuming fire!
- you cannot fight something with nothing

SESSION #4

MARRIAGE REALTIONS

A) Marriage is for Those Who are Secure as Sons and Daughters!

- those secure in identity can give and receive
- the insecure only sell as little as they believe they need to in order to get what they cannot do without

B) Marriage, the Joining of Opposites, Men Hunt and Women go Shopping!

- little girls are friends because they share secrets, little boys because they do stuff together
- women give sex to get romance, men give romance to get sex

C) His Five Most Basic Needs Tend to Be:

- sexual fulfillment; receive my sexuality, receive me, reject me sexually, reject me
- recreational companionship; doing things together
- attractive spouse; to be pleased with how she looks, what does a man find attractive in a woman?
- domestic support; a quiet, orderly, attractive, positive, emotionally secure home environment
- admiration; energises and motivates while criticism causes a man to become defensive

D) Her Five Most Basic Needs Tend to Be:

- affection/romance; security, comfort, approval (nonsexual!) without this she feels used in sex
- conversation; not just to solve problems but to share, receive my words, receive me, ignore my words...
- honesty/openness; what does a woman find attractive in a man?
- financial support; an orderly, comfortable, financially secure environment
- family commitment; involvement in play, nurture, leadership of children; good father, good husband

- the insecure and unwise assume their needs are their spouses also
- the secure and wise learn to meet the needs of the other, ie, to die to self
- where basic needs are not met that unmet need becomes an open door for another to enter
- he does not give affection so she closes sexually; he does not get sex so withdraws affection
- affection/romance is the environment of the marriage, sex is the special event
- see "His Needs, Her Needs" by Willard F. Harley, see James Dobson on Men and Women

E) Marriage is Between Two Priests! Freedom from Sexual Politics and Power Plays!

- power of tradition/religion/submission, power of the "new woman"
- how can you have power and intimacy at the same time? Love and coercion?
- male and female is a calling for time, not an identity for eternity, Mark 12:18-27
- eternal identity of individual is priest & there is only one class of priest- royal, holy! I Peter 2:4-10
- corporate identity of church is both female, ie, the bride and male, ie, the one new man
- male and female have different spheres of authority, leadership and roles in family life
- do those roles carry over into sexual intimacy? No!
- equal authority/power over one another's bodies, I Corinthians 7:4
- what does this mean? It means no sexual politics, power struggles, no hierarchy in the relationship.
- it means opportunity to die to self
- it means sex is not god; I Corinthians 7 teaches that the best is to remain single unto the Lord!
- if sex is god that gives the other power over me, ie, that gives power to the power plays
- suspend marital relations only by agreement, only for a time and only for prayer and fasting
- sexual practices within marriage? Hebrews 13:4 and again, I Corinthians 7:4
- birth control issues? No abortion or abortion inducers otherwise freedom to life and voice of God.

F) Sexual Realities from Proverbs 5: 15-20

- the woman, the cistern, the well: first sexual experience tends to be disappointment, must learn response, response is deep and powerful but not so immediate, she must decide to be aroused
- the man, the fountain, the stream, always moving, immediate, but not so deep, must learn to serve and wait upon his wife, she needs more time than he does
- the reality of countenance, of communion and union, of refilling one another