

## MY HUSBAND IS NOT HOME

Prov. 7:18-23: "Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with love. For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; he has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day." With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks. Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would take his life."

### INTRODUCTION:

#### A. MAJOR CAUSES OF FAMILY BREAKDOWN: Money; Alcohol; Illicit Sex.

The United States is obsessed with sex.  
- What is God's Attitude -

1. The wise man of the Proverbs was fully aware of sexual cheating.
2. Listen to the voices of 20th Century America:
  - a) My wife, or my husband, is not home.
  - b) I sent the children over to mother's for the day.
  - c) "Let's just live together."
  - d) If I get pregnant, I can always get an abortion.
  - e) I had an I.U.D. installed - so don't worry.
  - f) I've had a hysterectomy (or vasectomy), so not a problem.
  - g) The pill I am taking is almost 100 percent safe.
  - h) "After all, everybody is doing it."
  - I) My husband just doesn't pay enough attention to me.
  - j) My wife is beginning to be an old bag.
  - k) The church will just turn its head.
  - l) Well, as long as they can't actually see us in the sex act, we can say we were "just talking."

**I. GOD HAS CONDEMNED ILLICIT SEX THROUGHOUT THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE.**

A. Look at the pages of the Old Testament:

1. Prov. 1:10: “My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.”
2. Prov. 6:27-29: “Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.”
3. Prov. 30:20: “This is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, ‘I have done no wickedness.’”
4. Prov. 29:3: “Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.”

Note: A woman doesn’t have to charge to be a whore. Welfare rolls are full of such. They keep having illegitimate children and the taxpayer pays for the sin.

5. Exodus 20:17: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”
6. Lev. 18:20: “Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.”
7. Lev. 20:10: “The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.”
8. Deut. 22:20: “But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman, then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father’s house; so you shall put away the evil person from among you.”
9. Deut. 22:22: “If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil person from Israel.”

10. Deut. 22:23-24: “If a young woman who is a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor’s wife; so you shall put away the evil person from among you.”
11. Deut. 22:25-27: “But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. But you shall do nothing to the young woman; there is in the young woman no sin worthy of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter; for he found her in the countryside, and the betrothed young woman cried out, but there was no one to save her.”
12. Lev. 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”

B. Look at the larger family relationships which forbade adultery.

1. “To uncover nakedness” in this context is adultery.
2. Lev. 18:6-17: “None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the Lord. The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of your father’s wife you shall not uncover; it is your father’s nakedness. The nakedness of:

Your daughter-in-law’s child (your granddaughter).  
 Your sister, your aunt (on both sides).  
 Your father’s brother’s wife.  
 Daughter-in-law, sister-in-law.

C. The Prophets condemned adultery in no uncertain terms.

1. Ezek. 18:6, 11, 15: “If he has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiled his neighbor’s wife, nor approached a woman during her impurity; ... And does none of those duties, but has eaten on the mountains or defiled his neighbor’s wife; ... Who has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiled his neighbor’s wife.”

- a. Three times in this passage God promises to let a man live and not die IF he does not seduce his neighbor's wife.
2. Ezekiel 22:10-11: "In you men uncover their fathers' nakedness; in you they violate women who are set apart during their impurity. One commits abomination with his neighbor's wife; another lewdly defiles his daughter-in-law; and another in you violates his sister, his father's daughter."
3. Jeremiah 5:8: "They were like well-fed lusty stallions; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife."
4. Deut. 23:17-18: "There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God."
  - a. "Earnings of a dog" - male prostitute.
5. Prov. 6:26: "For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life."
6. Jer. 7:8-10: "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations?'"
  - a. Sometimes people cannot even wait to get out of the church buildings to drive to some remote area - or even a parking lot - to engage in promiscuous petting or to bed. But right back to the church the next meeting time as if nothing has happened.
    - (1) Perhaps an elder's daughter.
    - (2) Perhaps some member's son.
    - (3) Perhaps even the so-called preacher.
7. Lev. 19:29: "Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness."

8. Jer. 29:23: "Because they have done disgraceful things in Israel, have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in My name, which I have not commanded them. Indeed I know, and am a witness, says the Lord."

Note: There is an unchanging pattern throughout the Old Testament:

- a. That God hates adultery in every form.
- b. That the wicked will be punished.

## II. THE PAGES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CONDEMN ADULTERY - HOMOSEXUALITY.

A. It was not to be tolerated in the Lord's Church.

1. Eph. 5:3,5: But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; .... For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."
2. Col. 3:5: "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."
3. I Thess. 4:3: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality."
4. Jude 7: "As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Note: This passage says plainly that the adulterer-fornicator - homosexual is to go to Hell - to be punished with eternal fire.

5. Gal. 5:19, 21: "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, .... of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

6. Heb. 12:16: “Lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.”
  - a. The loose woman is not fit to be called ‘Mother’.”
  - b. The licentious man’s children will repudiate him.
7. Heb. 13:4: “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”
8. Acts 15:20, 29: Gentile Christians were warned of adultery:

“But that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. ... That you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.”
9. I Cor. 6:9-10: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”
10. I Cor. 6:15-16: “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not. Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘The two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh.’”
11. I Cor. 6:18-20: “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
12. I Cor. 5:1-5: “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles -- that a man has his father’s wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but

present in spirit, have already judged, as though I were present, concerning him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

a. Paul says to get those committing adultery out. Get them out of the congregation. Let them know that God’s people are not going to tolerate such behavior.

(1) Suppose it’s an elder - GET HIM OUT!

(2) Suppose it’s a deacon - GET HIM OUT!

(3) Suppose it’s a preacher - GET HIM OUT!

(4) Rich - powerful ? - GET HIM OUT!

b. Purpose of the excommunication is:

(1) To help save his soul.

(2) To keep the congregation from becoming polluted with sexual immorality.

13. I Cor. 5:9-13: “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner -- not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore ‘put away from yourselves that wicked person.’”

### **III. THE SIN OF LASCIVIOUSNESS ALWAYS PRECLUDES SEXUALITY/IMMORALITY.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Aselgia: Lewdness, degrading thoughts.

B. Dirty conniving thoughts, illicit desires precede adultery.

1. Rom. 1:24: “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves.”
2. Rom. 1:26-27: “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”
3. Rom. 1:28: “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.”
4. Mark 7:20-23: “And He said, ‘What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.’”
5. II Cor. 12:21: “And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and licentiousness which they have practiced.”
6. Eph. 4:19: “Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to licentiousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”
  - a. Some men and women have run around on their mates so long that they have come ‘past feeling.’
    - (1) Sermons like these just roll off their backs, or they figure the preacher is out to get them.
7. I Peter 4:3-5: “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles -- when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Psalm 24:3-4: “Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.”
- B. Psalm 119:11: “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”
- C. Psalm 139:23-24: “Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
- D. Psalm 51:1-2: “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”

(MAY GOD HELP US ALL TO LEAD OUR NATION TO HIGHER GROUND.)