

GOD IS _____

Part 13: God is Anti-Sex

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What comes into our minds when we think about God,
is the most important thing about us.

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A popular view: God is anti-sex.

"The worst feature of the Christian religion, however, is its attitude toward sex—an attitude so morbid and so unnatural... The conception of Sin which is bound up with Christian ethics is one that does an extraordinary amount of harm, since it affords an outlet for their sadism which they believe to be legitimate, and even noble."

– Bertrand Russell, Why I Am Not a Christian

"In addition to the misery produced by authoritarian Christian intrusions into the sex lives of non-Christians, Christianity produces great misery among its own adherents through its insistence that sex (except the very narrow variety it sanctions) is evil, against God's law... Indulging in such things can and will, in the conventional Christian view, lead straight to hell." – *Chaz Bufe, 20 Reasons to Abandon Christianity*

"I would become a Christian in two seconds if they would just loosen the reins on sex."

– Some guy at a coffee shop

A simple question on the popular view:

How can God be anti-sex when he created and encouraged sex?

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it..." – *Genesis 1:27-28*

Other views on sex:

The world we live in says sex is god.

The church has been guilty of saying sex is gross.

The God of Heaven says sex is a gift.

Sex is for:

The fulfillment and anticipation of love

Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires. – *Song of Solomon 3:5*

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Seduction, pleasure and comfort

You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride; you have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace. How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much more pleasing is your love than wine and the fragrance of your perfume more than any spice! Your lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride; milk and honey are under your tongue. The fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon. You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride; you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain. – *Song of Solomon 4:9-12*

Oneness

The husband and wife will become one flesh... – *Genesis 2:24*

The creation of children

Be fruitful and increase in number... – *Genesis 1:28*

Intimate knowledge

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived... – *Genesis 4:1*

Protection

Now, getting down to the questions you asked in your letter to me. First, is it a good thing to have sexual relations?

Certainly—but only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to “stand up for your rights.” Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it. I'm not, understand, commanding these periods of abstinence—only providing my best counsel if you should choose them. – *1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (The Message)*

***God puts fences around things that are
precious and dangerous. Sex is both.***

Small Group Questions

- 1) Did your parents ever teach you about sex? How? How was that for you?
- 2) How much of your view of sex has been shaped by modern media? How much by the Bible?
- 3) Which view of sex (god/gross/gift) best describes your view of sexuality?
- 4) Read I Corinthians 7:1-5 from the outline. How is God being protective of this sacred relationship?
- 5) What is the only biblical pure context for sex? Search the scriptures to back up your answer.
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?