

M for Mature: Scriptural References

Sexual Standards

Sexual Sins Condemned In The Bible

- Adultery Ex 20:14, Pr 5:1-23
- Incest Lev 20:19-21
- Sex with animals Lev 20:15-16
- Loss of virginity before marriage Dt 22:20-21
- Prostitution Dt 23:17-18, Pr 7:10-27
- Homosexuality Ro 1:26-27, 1Co 6:9
- Obscenity Eph 5:4
- Lust Mt 5:27-28, 1Th 4:5

God's Will Regarding Sexual Standards

In Negative Terms:

- Laws against illicit behaviour Ex 20:14, Lev 20:10-21
Dt 23:17-18
- The command to flee immorality 1Co 6:18, Eph 5:3, Col 3:5
1Th 4:3
- Sexual sin excludes one from the kingdom
1Co 6:9-10, Gal 5:19-21
Eph 5:3-5, Rev 22:15

In Positive Terms:

- Strive for purity 1Th 4:4,7, 1Pe 3:2
- Be faithful in marriage 1Co 7:2-4
- Exercise self – control 1Co 7:8-9, Gal 5:23, 1Th 4:4

Self Control

Control of One's Body and Emotions

- Self control as a Christian trait 1Ti 3:2, Tit 2:2,5-6,12
2Pe 1:6
- An aspect of the Spirit's fruit Gal 5:22-2

Reasons for Self Control

- To control anger Pr 16:32, Pr 29:11
- To avoid sexual sins 1Co 7:3-5, 1Th 4:3-4
- To prepare for Christ's return 1Th 5:6-8
- To enable us to pray properly 1Pe 4:7
- To show resistance to satan 1Pe 5:8-9

Marriage

God Honours Marriage

- Established in the garden of eden Ge 2:18,21-24
- Command in The New Testament Mt 19:5, Eph 5:31
- Regulated by Old Testament Laws Lev 20:10-21, Nu 36:1-12
Dt 25:5-10

- Jesus attended a wedding Jn 2:1-2
- Marriage must be honoured Mal 2:15, Heb 13:4

Monogamy Versus Polygamy

- Ideal is monogamy Ge 2:24, 1Ti 3:2, 12
- Polygamy In The Old Testament Ge 29:16-30, 1Sa 1:1-2, 1Sa 25:42-43, 1Ki 11:1-3
- Polygamy often caused friction Ge 30:1, Lev 18:18
1Sa 1:3-8

Adultery

- In all cases forbidden Ex 20:14, Lev 18:20
- Excludes one from the kingdom Gal 5:19-21, 1Co 6:9

Marriage With Unbelievers Forbidden

- In the Old Testament Law Ex 34:15-16, Dt 7:3-4
- By Old Testament examples Jdg 16:4-21, 1Ki 11:1-8, Ezr 9:1-5, 10-15, Ne 13:23-27
- In the New Testament 1Co 7:12-16, 2Co 6:14-18

Permanency Of Marriage

- Marriage is a union for life Mt 19:3-6,9, Ro 7:2-3
1Co 7:39
- God hates divorce Mal 2:16
- Divorce allowed for hardness of heart Dt 24:1-4, Mt 19:7-8

Remaining Single Is An Option

- It is a gift from God 1Co 7:7-8
- It is preferable in times of crisis 1Co 7:25-28
- It frees one to serve God totally 1Co 7:32-35

Purposes Of Marriage

- To inspire human happiness Ge 2:18
- To express love intimately Pr 5:15-20, SS 2:3-7
SS 8:5-7
- To have children Ge 1:27-28, Mal 2:15
1Ti 5:14
- To prevent immorality 1Co 7:2,8-9

Weddings In The Bible

- The wedding of Isaac Ge 24:62-67
- The wedding of Jacob Ge 29:21-28
- The wedding of Samson Jdg 14:10-19
- The wedding of a King Ps 45:1-17

- Jesus at a wedding In Cana Jn 2:1-11
- Wedding parables of Jesus Mt 22:1-14, Mt 25:1-13
Lk 14:8-11

Duties Of Marriage Partners

- Husband to love, respect his wife Eph 5:25, Col 3:19, 1Pe 3:7
- Wife to submit to her husband Eph 5:22, Col 3:18, 1Pe 3:1
- Equal responsibility 1Co 7:1-5, 32-35

Marriage As A Symbol

- God as the husband of Israel Isa 54:5, Jer 3:14, Hos 2:16, 19-20
- Christ as the bridegroom of the church Mk 2:19-20, Jn 3:29
- Christ as the husband of the church 2Co 11:2, Eph 5:22-32
- Church as the bride of Christ Eph 5:22-24, Rev 21:2,9-10
- Heaven begins with a wedding Mt 22:1-10, Mt 25:1-10
Rev 19:7,9

Adultery

Marital Unfaithfulness To Ones' Spouse

Old Testament Perspective:

Laws Against Adultery

- In the Ten Commandments Ex 20:14, Dt 5:18,
- Various Laws on Adultery Lev 20:10, Nu 5:12-31
Dt 22:22-24

Examples of Adultery

- Judah and Tamar Ge 38:15-18
- David and Bathsheba 2Sa 11:2-5
- Others in Judah Jer 5:7-9, Jer 29:23

Characteristics of Adultery

- A sin against one's spouse and God Ge 39:7-9, 2Sa 12:13
Ps 51:4
- Is Personally Dangerous Pr 2:16-19, Pr 6:25-29,32
- Defiles a whole nation Jer 3;1, Jer 23:10-15
Eze 33:26

New Testament Perspective:

The Sin of Adultery

- Starts in a sinful heart Mt 15:19
- Considered a sinful action Ro 7:2-3, Jas 2:11, 2Pe 2:14
- Sinful even in thought Mt 5:27-28
- Remarriage as adultery Mt 5:31-32, Mt 19:8-9

Results of Adultery

- Leads to God's judgment Heb 13:4
- Leads to exclusion from the kingdom
Gal 5:19-21, 1Co 6:9
Rev 22:15
- Pardon promised for adulterers Jn 8:3-11, 1Co 6:11

Spiritual Adultery

- References in the Old Testament Jer 3:6-10,20, Eze 16:32-35
Hos 1:2
- References in the New Testament Mt 12:39, Jas 4:4
- God judges spiritual adultery Jer 5:11-17, Eze 16:37-42
Mk 8:38
- God desires faithfulness to Christ 2Co 11:2