

## MARRIAGE, SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP

1. Marriage is a Divine Institution which existed before man's sinfulness.
  - A. Genesis 2:21-25, "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And 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. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."
2. Sexual relationship was an expression of marriage in innocence.
  - A. Genesis 2:24. "One flesh."
3. The primary purpose of sex is an expression of love.
4. Sex existed before sin. Whatever sins may be involved in sex, sex IS NOT SINFUL within the confines of marriage.
5. The secondary purpose of sex is the propagation of the race. This came into the picture after the fall of man.
  - A. Genesis 4:1, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord."
6. After the fall, the woman no longer had sex just for pleasure, but it had another purpose, bearing children, which had pain connected with it.
7. Man's old sin nature, which came with the fall, introduced things that sometimes distort and destroy sex, lust. Sex lust takes sex out of its proper place and makes it love itself. On the other hand, asceticism says sex is only for propagation.
8. Sex is an act of personal volition, mentally desirous.
9. Sex is an act of mutual response, needs mental preparation. Man initiates, woman responds.
10. Sex is an act which is meaningful when there is true love, the doctrine of Right-man and Right-woman. Mental attitude love must precede sex love, or it becomes mechanical and animalistic.
11. Sexual relationship in marriage is for recreation. Purpose: express love between Right-man and Right-woman.
12. Sexual relationship is also for procreation, perpetuation of the human race.
13. Love happiness must precede sex happiness.
14. Sex merges a man and woman and makes them one. There is no such thing as superiority in sexual relationship. Man loses his sovereignty in sexual relationship and at the same time, the woman gains from, and receives from the man, and in so doing, she gives.

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