

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Holy Sex: Sexuality that Glorifies God

Leviticus 18 | 31 July 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read **Leviticus 18** as a group.

What are the sexual relationships/acts which God declared as unlawful and sinful in this Old Testament Scripture text?

2. Read **Romans 1:24-26** & **Galatians 5:19-21**.

What are the sexual relationships/acts which God declared as unlawful and sinful in these two New Testament Scripture texts?

3. These are at least 3 key ways to understand sex biblically.

- a. Sex as gender. *“Just as the image of God is essential to who we are, male or female is essential to who we are.”*

- b. Sex as the physical act between a husband and wife – God’s good gift for husband and wife, for their pleasure, intimacy and the blessings of children.

It is an integral part of the intimacy that should exist between husband and wife – intimacy in the Body, Soul (mind, emotions, will), and Spirit (spirit is how we connect with God).

- c. Sex conveys a spiritual communion and is the expression of a mystery – the union of Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:24-32).

Sexual oneness within marriage was created by God to serve as a foreshadowing of the spiritual oneness that would exist between Christ and His church.

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Discuss these 3 key biblical truths about sex. How are they different with the Dominant Culture's beliefs about sex? Is there something impactful that you have learnt from these 3 truths?

4. Holy Sexuality consists of 2 paths:
 - a. Chastity in Singleness
 - b. Faithfulness in Marriage

Singleness:

- i. Do you believe singleness is cast in a negative light in our culture/in our church? Why or why not?
- ii. How can our church respond positively to singleness?
- iii. Are we as a church doing family well? Are the youth learning from the older saints? Are the younger couples and singles learning from the godly single or married elderly women and men, and vice versa? How can the church fulfil our call to be the Family of God where there is companionship and family intimacy?

Read 1 Corinthians 7 – what spiritual truths does it hold for singles and married couples?

5. To those who identify or struggle as LGBTQ, we are to be like Jesus, who ate, drank and fellowship with the prostitutes and tax-collectors, those deemed as sinners. Jesus didn't condemn them, but Jesus as the Holy Son of God did not accept their sins either.

There are many different kinds of people connected with LGBTQ – some are very pro-LGBTQ, some struggle with their desires/attraction (be they Christian or pre-believers), some have

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found strength in Jesus and can be said to be an overcomer, or someone who is very militant against LGBTQ.

How would you respond to each of these persons? Share your experience of someone connected with LGBTQ, and discuss how you can be like Jesus, in your interaction with the person.

Dominant Culture on sexuality/Pan-sexuality is not just an intellectual issue to discuss, nor a social issue to observe. Above all, it is a spiritual matter. Our enemies are not flesh and blood but the dark spiritual forces who act against God's people, the Church and plot for the downfall of humanity. **So please take time to PRAY before you end your DG meeting.**

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