God’s Ideas On Sex: 50 Shades or Black and White? Sermon for 3-12-17

**Man justifies immoral actions by concentrating on the pain instead of the Healer and the fear instead of the Father.**

* All pain stems from our perverted sinful nature.
	+ The pain of being made for sex with a woman, but craving sexual love of men. The pain of being made for sex with a man, but craving the sexual love of women.
	+ The pain of being made for sex with one adult human for life, but craving sex with oneself, multiple partners, animals, or children.
	+ The pain of being made for sex only after marriage, but craving sex now as a single person.
	+ The pain of being made for forgiveness, grace, and healing, but craving punishment, domination, and hurt.
	+ The pain of being made for confidence, authority, and respect, but craving weakness, slavery, and humiliation.
	+ The pain of being made for interpersonal sexual relationship, but craving an impersonal, sexual fantasy world.
* All fear comes stems from our isolation from God because of sin.
	+ The fear of abandonment and loneliness.
	+ The fear of worthlessness.
	+ The fear of destitution and loss.
	+ The fear of missing out.

**We are tempted to indulge in fornication and adultery—which are the Bible words for sexual immorality—to medicate deep pain and fear.**

The sexually immoral “shades of grey” that are offered to us are just bait to lure you into a cleverly laid trap.

Once someone is convinced that there are many ways of being sexually moral, then the confusion comes leading us from one defilement to another eventually leading to a complete separation from God.

Make no mistake, sexual immorality does not lead to control, freedom, fulfillment, love, and acceptance; it leads to cruel bondage.

**If you live in agreement with God’s ideas on sex, you are not lost in sexually immoral shades of grey.**

Why? Because God’s idea of how we should deal with immoral sexual temptation is to run away from the bait of fornication and adultery.

# 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NKJV)

**18**Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

## Flee sexual immorality!

It’s simple. Not complicated. Just run.

Flee = Escape, run from, shun.

Immorality = selling off (surrendering) sexual purity

Every time a person commits a sexually immoral act, he or she is selling off their sexual purity to Satan in exchange for a passing pleasure.

You prostitute your very being to the demonic.

Sins against own body = **The Bible calls your body the temple of the Holy Ghost; if any Christian engages in fornication or adultery, he or she invites defiling intruders into their being that greatly effect the soul and the body even more than other sins.**

## Run Towards Sexual Purity.

**Proverbs 5:15-19** (NKJV)

**15**Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from your own well.

**Satisfy your sexual appetites and the heat of lust only in the confines of marriage with your spouse.**

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| **Marriage**(Cistern) | **Fornication or Adultery**(Puddles) |
| Confined | Open |
| Intentional Pursuit | Cheap Availability |
| Deep | Shallow |
| Protected | Contaminated |
| Reliable and Enduring | Dries up |

**16**Should your fountains be dispersed abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
**17**Let them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
**18**Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.

* Fountains = Children
	+ **Sexual immorality causes fatherlessness.**
		- Children from so many unwed unions or unions that were broken up by divorce, remarriage, divorce, and remarriage, etc… are dispersed like sheep without a shepherd.

**19***As a* loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.

* In contrast to the wild, despised beasts of the field, deer and doe were tamed and well-cared for by royalty back in Solomon’s day.
	+ **Cherish your wives and care for them gently.**
* Breasts = Loves
	+ **Let all of your wife’s expressions of love satisfy you in every season of life.**
* Enraptured = reeling from intoxication (Love written as though it’s an intoxicating drink)
	+ **Never shy away from allowing yourself to be moved emotionally both publicly and privately by the feelings of love you have for your wife.**

**20**For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

**21**For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the Lord,
And He ponders all his paths.
**22**His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man,*
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
**23**He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

* **If you are trapped in sexual wickedness, there is a way out.**
	+ **Listen to instruction.**
	+ **Repent of your folly.**
	+ **Come and confess to a pastor who will pray for you and your sins will be forgiven.**