

What is God's Plan for Sexuality?

Chapter 5 Lesson 1
Part 2

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Understanding Sexuality

- ◆ Even though our ideas about sexuality are influenced by our culture, they should not be determined by it.
- ◆ In the same way that our sex is determined by the reproductive processes designed by God, our ideas about sexuality should be determined not by our culture, but by God's plan for us.
- ◆ Where is that plan found?
- ◆ The Bible



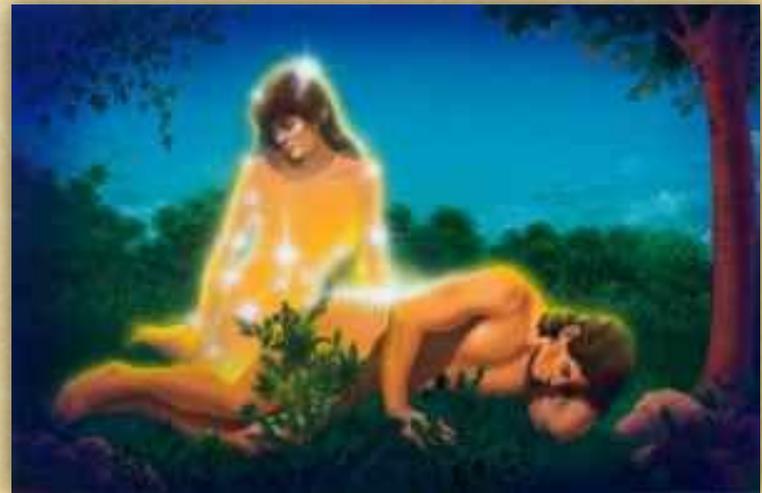
God's Plan, Satan's Scheme

- ◆ After God created Adam, He said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him.” (Genesis 2:18).
- ◆ The Hebrew word for helper is the same one used elsewhere in the Bible to say, “God is my helper.”
- ◆ What kind of helper do you think God intended for Eve to be?



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- ♦ What bone did God take from Adam to make Eve?
(Genesis 2:21)
- ♦ What message do you think God might have been sending by taking that bone instead of a bone from the head or the foot?



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- ◆ Ephesians 5:25 says, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”
- ◆ In verse 33 of the same chapter, it says that each should love his own wife even as himself, and that the wife should respect her husband.



- ◆ God designed for men and women to treat each other with respect and love.

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- ♦ It is in this context – a man and woman who are married and reflecting God's character of love – then God blessed them and told them to "Be fruitful and multiply." (Genesis 1:28)
- ♦ That is God's plan for sexuality.



God's Plan, Satan's Scheme

- ◆ Ever since sin entered this world, Satan has tried to make life miserable for everyone.
- ◆ He has tried to destroy everything good, including the gift of sexuality.



- ◆ He has introduced jealousy, deceit, selfishness, disloyalty, cruelty, and pain into human relationships.

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- ◆ Unfortunately, much of what we see in the media about sexuality is much closer to Satan's plan than God's.
- ◆ Anything other than God's original plan is called immorality, and the Bible tells us to "flee sexual immorality" (1 Corinthians 6:18).
- ◆ God tells us to flee because He doesn't want us to be hurt by Satan's counterfeit plan.



God's Plan, Satan's Scheme

- ◆ As you grow and mature, you will be thinking more about sexuality and your role as a boy or girl.
- ◆ You will encounter situations where you will have to make choices:
 - ◆ Is this article of clothing modest?
 - ◆ Will I participate in this activity?



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- ◆ You will be forming values that will influence the way you live the rest of your life.
- ◆ To make sure you are forming values that agree with God's plan, not Satan's, spend time reading about God's plan in the Bible and pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you.
- ◆ If the adults in your life pattern their lives after the Bible, ask them for advice.



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- ◆ If you're ever in doubt about doing a specific activity, remember 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

