

Sex: It Really Is God's Idea

Sex in marriage was designed by a loving Creator to be a highly spiritual act of worship that declares the “the *echad* of God” — the oneness of the Triune God (Deuteronomy 6:4). This sessions explores the beauty of sexual union as it relates to covenantal, restorative and sacred oneness.

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I. GOD'S CREATION OF THE SEXUAL DRIVE

1. It's Definition
2. Its Designer (Gen. 1:27; 2:24-25)
3. Our Decision (Ps. 139:13-14; 1 Tim. 4:4-5)

II. GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE SEXUAL UNION (Mark 10:6-9)

1. Covenantal Oneness
 - a) Marriage is a covenant (Mal. 2:14)
 - b) Marriage is a binding covenant (Mk. 10:6-9)
 - c) Marriage is ratified by the sexual union (Ez. 16:8)

d) Marriage involves the regular and continual expression of love through the sexual union

(Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 7:5; Heb. 13:4)

e) Marriage covenant can be broken through sexual immorality (Prov. 2:17; 1 Cor. 6:16; cf. Ez. 16:59)

2. Restorative Oneness

a) The covenant is destroyed through sexual union outside of marriage (cf. 1 Cor. 6)

b) The covenant is renewed through sexual union within marriage (Ez. 16:15, 59-60; cf. Hosea 2-3)

3. Illustrative Oneness (Eph. 5:25-32)

4. Sacred Oneness (Gen. 2:24; Deut. 6:4; Gen. 4:1; Prov. 3:6)