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Better Together 8 Sex

Genesis 2:24-25 (AMPC) - [**MEDIA: Highlight “one flesh” and “no shame”]

Sex did not come after the fall.

Sex did not contribute to the fall.

Sex was a statement of Adam and Eve’s perfection not perversion.

[Sex In Its Extremes]

1. Historical Church View

To get close to God - “No sex”

2. The Worlds View

To enjoy sex with no boundaries - “No God”

[Balanced Biblical View] – Sex is Amoral

Examples: Fire: ...blessing to warm us in winter (within boundaries) OR a curse when out of the fireplace.

Water: ...can’t live 4 days without it BUT you can’t live 4 minutes under it.

A river flowing within its banks is life to a city, but when it breaks its banks can bring boundless destruction.

Hebrews 13:4 (MSG)

Sex within marriage; with covenant partner = sanctified

Sex outside of God’s boundaries = judged

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (NLT) – Flee (not condone, embrace and celebrate)

The only safe sex is sex within marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (AMPC)

Casual sex? There is nothing casual about sex (avoid fornication)

1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (AMPC)

One of the purposes of marriage is to avoid fornication

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[SEX IN BALANCE]

1. Sex should **be** an expression of our love for one another.
 - Sex is not love, but rather an expression of love.
 - There is sex without love; but no love in marriage without intimacy.
2. Sex brings about physical, emotional, and spiritual bonding (one flesh/cleave).
 - Sex is very intimate, private, and personal.
3. Sexual love is how we give ourselves over to our spouse.
 - Sex is not just for procreation (one reason).
 - Sex is for pleasure. (another reason)
 - Genesis 18:10-12
 - Deuteronomy 24:5
 - Proverbs 5:15-19
 - The **whole** book of Song of Solomon!

Take Away

1. Sex is designed by God for marriage.
2. Sex is a deep and emotional expression of the love that exists in marriage.
3. Sex is for procreation, for pleasure, is private, and very personal.