

# God Will Judge (Hebrews 13:4 – Part 2)

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- 1. Sexual intimacy is permitted by God in marriage only – heterosexual and monogamous.**
  - a. God designed humans to be sexually intimate only within a biblical marriage.
  - b. God created sexual passion; He also gave mankind a proper way to pursue it (1 Cor. 7:8-9).
  - c. Outside of marriage, there are limitless perversions of sexual desires and behaviors.
  - d. We must master these desires rather than allowing sinful desires to have mastery over us.
  - e. Spouses are to be fully satisfied only in each other (physically, emotionally, relationally).
    - i. Husbands, drink from your own cistern! – Proverbs 5:15-20.
    - ii. Wives, make your spouse chief among ten thousand! – Song 5:10-16.
- 2. Fornication will be judged. Sexual sin knocks many believers off the racecourse.**
  - a. “Fornicators” (Gk.  *pornos* ) covers all sexual activity outside of the one flesh marriage.
    - i. Every form of fornication is immoral including lust, pornography, and fantasy.
    - ii. Fornication, including homosexuality, will come under judgment (1 Cor. 6:9-10).
    - iii. Premarital sexual activity.
    - iv. Any form of abnormal sexual activity – LGBTQ+ or any other perversion.
  - b. Fornication defiles and comes from a heart of sinful rebellion against God (Mark 7:21-23).
  - c. Consequences of fornication.
    - i. Loss of innocence and purity.
    - ii. Broken homes.
    - iii. Corrupted minds
    - iv. Destroyed lives.
    - v. Diseases.
    - vi. Unwanted pregnancy and abortion.
    - vii. Guilt and shame.
- 3. Adultery is a sin against marriage, the core institution of society, as ordained by God.**
  - a. Adultery is a perversion and corruption of God’s perfect order.
  - b. Adultery is any inappropriate touch or other stimulation that violates the “one flesh” bond.
  - c. Adultery can be emotional, or of the heart, even without any form of physical contact.
  - d. Jesus said that to look at someone with lust who is not your spouse is adultery (Matt. 5:27-30).
  - e. It seems safe to conclude that Satan knows that if he can destroy marriages, he can usher in chaos and destruction to every human institution. Biblical marriage is under spiritual attack!
- 4. What can we do?**
  - a. Make a covenant with your eyes to not look on another with lust (Job 31:1).
  - b. Acknowledge that fornication is vanity; it will never satisfy the heart’s desires. (Eccl. 2:10-11).
  - c. Pray for God to turn your eyes away from looking at worthless and sinful things (Ps. 119:37).
  - d. Walk in the Spirit so that you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal. 5:16; 1 John 2:16).
  - e. Protect your heart from lust or seeking after immoral beauty (Pr. 6:25).
  - f. Do not let lust and temptation gain a foothold in your thought life (James 1:14-15).
- 5. The 100 consequences challenge.**

**Life Group Questions:**

1. If you are married, have you made your spouse the single most important relationship in your life?
2. If you are not married but desire to be some day, will you commit to making your spouse the single most important relationship in your life?
3. The Bible is clear and direct in the condemnation of all forms of sexual immorality. How challenging is it to hold to this view given our culture's opposing views on sexuality?
4. What would the consequences be if you, or someone in your family committed adultery? Take the challenge.
5. Have you considered making a covenant with your eyes not to look upon sinful images?
6. Do you feel alone or isolated in your struggles with lust or pornography? What do you think God would have you to do so that you can gain victory over your struggles?