

Holy Sexuality

1 Thessalonians 4:3b-8

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Main Idea: Our Sexual Desires and Conduct are to be Holy

Three Exhortations:

1.) Separate Yourself From Sexual Immorality (v. 3)

Read Verse 3

"Far from prohibiting sexual immorality, the cults of Dionysus, Aphrodite, Osiris and Isis, the Cabirus, and Priapas promoted sexual license." –Gene L. Green

*"Mistresses we keep for the sake of pleasure, concubines for the daily care of our bodies, but wives to bear us legitimate children and to be faithful guardians of our households."
-Demosthenes*

2.) Learn to Control your Sexual Desires and Conduct. (v. 4-5)

Read Verses 4-5.

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the Lord your God. 3 According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. 4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.'" (Leviticus 18:1-5)

3.) Do not Harm Others Through Your Sexual Conduct (v. 6a)

Three Reasons:

1.) The Future Judgment of the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 6b)

Read Verse 6.

"God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

2.) The Past Call of God. (v. 7)

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"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Ephesians 1:4)

3.) The Present Gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 8)

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"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." (Ezekiel 36:27)