

SEX: God's Beautiful Design from the Beginning

Song of Solomon 2:3–17

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[3] As an apple tree among the trees of the forest,
so is my beloved among the young
men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

[4] He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

[5] Sustain me with raisins;
refresh me with apples,
for I am sick with love.

[6] His left hand is under my head,
and his right hand embraces me!

[7] I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the does of the

field,

that you not stir up or awaken love
until it pleases.

[8] The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

[9] My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Behold, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
looking through the lattice.

[10] My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my beautiful one,

and come away,

[11] for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.

[12] The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

[13] The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

[14] O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the crannies of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

[15] Catch the foxes for us,
the little foxes
that spoil the vineyards,
for our vineyards are in blossom.”

[16] My beloved is mine, and I am his;
he grazes among the lilies.

[17] Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on cleft mountains

God's Design is for Sex within the covenant of Marriage

Genesis 2:24–25

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Matthew 19:4–6

He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Ephesians 5:29–33

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

God's Design is to wait for Marriage

"you see, whether it comes to something as Grand as our Salvation or to something as good as our sexual activity or inactivity, delayed gratification is as foundational to a Christian ethic as love of neighbor." - Douglas Sean O'Donnell

Revelation 19:6–9

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Trust in God's Forgiveness through Christ