

Q&A Series

God Honoring Sex

Song of Songs 4: 1-7, 12, 16

So why God honoring sex? Because there is a difference between how our culture views sex and how God views sex. If you don't believe me just go to any grocery store to the checkout counter and look at the magazines that are sending out confusing messages about sex. The same is true for T.V. shows, the internet, and did anyone catch the half time show during the Super Bowl?

The problem is that what our culture is saying today is destructive and dangerous in its teaching about how to relate and share in the gift of love making in the context of marriage.

So let's look at our text today, and by the way, this isn't something to be embarrassed about. This is something that is beautiful! It makes babies and yes its fun!! Can I say that in church?!!

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I want to focus on 4 qualities of God honoring sex.

1) God Honoring Sex Starts Way Before The Bedroom.

- Women intuitively know this but men need a little help in this department. You've heard the phrase "women are crock pots and men are microwaves." When is a man ready to have sex? Anywhere, any time, at any moment. Guys have the ability to turn anything you say into a sexual comment; for example, you might say honey could you change the oil in my car? I'll change your oil. This is the way guys are, but what we need to understand is God Honoring Sex starts way before the bedroom.

- I want you to see how Solomon complements his bride in verse 1. *“How beautiful are you my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes behind the veil are doves.”* We can assume his wedding night, and where does he start looking gentlemen? He starts with her eyes. Look at the second part of vs. 1 *“Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Mount Gilead.”* Ok this might need some interpretation. A Jewish woman always had her hair up, but now she has her hair down and he likes what he sees. Illustration: The moment I knew Dana liked me. Curly hair.)
- Vs 2. *“Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each had its twin; not one of them is alone.”* He is talking about how great her breath smells that she has all of her teeth. I guess that was a great accomplishment before dental hygiene. He is saying I like it!!!
- Notice how he is paying close attention to all of the details before there is any physical intimacy there is emotional intimacy being established first. Guys think of sexy in terms of lingerie, ask your wife what is sexy and you get a different answer. Such as a man cleaning the house or giving the kids baths while you rest, or putting the kids to bed. It could be in a text *“Hey honey, I was thinking how beautiful you are today.”* Or it could be that you take the lead and be the Godly example and pray over your family.
- If you want to improve your physical relationship a good argument can be made for improving your spiritual relationship with God.
- Guys we may want to improve on this as well. It’s called N.S.T. None Sexual Touches. Stay with me. It’s touching without an end goal in mind. A caress on the cheek or holding hands. Remember God Honoring Sex starts long before the bedroom. All of those things build and fill the tank of physical intimacy.
- Vs. 3 *“Your lips are like scarlet ribbons; your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind the veil are like pomegranates.”* Look at what he is doing, he starts with her eyes, her hair, teeth, cheek bones and works his way down.”

- Vs 4 *“Your neck is like the tower of David, built with elegance.”* This seems like an odd complement but when you think about the time and culture this is written it starts to make sense. Women were mistreated and more times than not had a very low self-image of themselves. He is saying, “I like the way you carry yourself, your confident. What is he doing? He’s building her up. God Honoring Sex starts way before the bedroom.

2) The second quality of God Honoring Sex is, its passionate.

- Buckle up, remember he starts with her eyes, hair, lips, neck and continues to go down. Vs. 5 *“Your two breast are like two fawns, like twin fawns of a gazelle that browse among the lilies.”* Guys if you’re going to approach twin fawns how do you do it? You’re going to be gentle, tender, caring and careful. If you come in hot with guns blazing the fawns will no longer be grazing in the lilies, they’ll be running for forest. And all the ladies say Amen!!!
- That’s why approach matters, approach matters. You build her up and care about the details of her life. Work on your approach. Ladies.....make approach, any approach. Whatever it is, it looks better in satin than flannel. He wants you to want him out of desire and not give into him out of duty. That’s why both husband and wife need to work on their approach.
- Vs. 6 *“Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense.”* What does this mean? It means all night long! That is in the Bible!! In other words it’s passionate.

3) The 3rd quality of God Honoring Sex is, built on trust.

- Vs. 7 *“All beautiful are you my darling; there is no flaw in you.”* Your wife will love that. You are flawless!!! In the intimacy of marriage we need to

respect each other's body. We feel incredibly vulnerable when we are sharing ourselves. "There is no flaw in you." It's amazing to think that all of us have different needs. Physical needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs, and sexual needs.

- Think about it this way, You are the only legitimate outlet to meet that sexual need and because of that (this would sound better coming from a woman) one of the most ministering thing a woman can do, is be available to her husband. Ladies your emotional needs are just as important as his physical needs.
- It's amazing what happens when we begin to minister to each other's needs. How there is such a positive spin on it I minister to her and she ministers to me. Our love grows and trust flourishes.

4) Lastly God Honoring Sex is Holy!! Vs. 12 *"You are a garden locked up my sister my bride; you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain."* To be holy means to be set apart. To be pure in a way that other things are not. This verse is talking about his bride saving herself for him. The reason we save the gift of love making until the wedding night is its holy.

- When we get married we don't enter into a contract, as Christians we enter into a covenant. Any time a covenant was established there was shedding of blood. In the Old Testament the two parties would kill a bull, pull it apart and walk between it seven times. Jesus made a new covenant with His blood that forgave us our sins.
- On the wedding night when the husband and wife come together there is also a shedding of blood. Jesus said, *"For this reason a man will leave his mother and father and cling to his wife and the two will be one flesh."* There

is something holy about the whole thing!!! There is a mingling of souls. You are no longer two but one flesh!

- This is why sex isn't just good sex, or its Holy between a husband and wife. And every time you share in the gift of love making you are in a sense renewing your covenant vows. I belong to you and you belong to me.
- *Vs. 16 "Awake, north wind, and come south wind! Blow on my garden that its fragrance may spread abroad. Let my lover come into my garden and taste its choice fruits."*
- This is perfection. For a lot of us we didn't do it the right way. For some of us we willingly gave up our virginity, while others may have had it taken from them or maybe you aren't married and you're not even close to this. Maybe you don't feel holy. Here is what I want you to understand, who makes things holy? God does. No matter how you started out God can redeem us if we give it to him.
- Remember God Honoring Sex starts way before the bedroom, its passionate, it's built on absolute trust and it's Holy. Stand with me this morning as we pray.