

# Look, But Don't Touch?

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## Preface

Nowadays there is again a strong push that the community should accept **any** behaviour as long as it “doesn't hurt anyone else.” This concept is now making inroads into the various churches. Some are concerned though, with the “lowering of standards” within the churches. Many young women are choosing to wear sexually powerful (seductive) clothing to church meetings. This behaviour is a form of **exhibitionism**. Many young men and some not so young men have become **voyeurs**; they look upon the young women and cherish private sexual thoughts regarding them.

Is voyeurism in the churches harmless? Is exhibitionism in the churches harmless? What does the One True God say about voyeurism and exhibitionism? This paper examines these issues.

## The Young and Not-so-Innocent

It is expected that women who don't understand God's unselfish love, would also be unaware of the dangers for them in wearing revealing clothing (a form of exhibitionism), But how could God's professed women be comfortable wearing the same sexually charged attire to church services, youth revivals and church social functions?

Recently, at a church-related function, we saw "Christian" ladies wearing very form-fitting clothes which clung so tightly to their slinky bodies. When several ladies bent over in front of me, it became obvious, that they were wearing G-string panties. I had no desire to know what type of underwear that anyone was wearing, but through no fault of my own, I was forcefully informed of this information which was broadcast through tightly-fitting dresses. The tiny straps that reached timidly over their exposed shoulders covered only a minimum of feminine flesh, but there was more to see than just bare shoulders. So many assisted cleavages were bursting out of those fragile dresses, that I heard one lady comment - "Why don't they just pull their breasts right out of their dresses and be done with it?"

## Who are Strange Women?

Proverbs 5:3-5

"The lips of a **strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."

Proverbs 7:9-27

In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: 10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the **attire of an harlot**, and **subtle of heart**. 11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows. 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. 19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips **she forced him**. 22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; 23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. 24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25

Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death."

According to Solomon's description, a "strange woman" takes the following ordered steps:

- not interested in home-life/housewife duties;
- is rebellious (translated stubborn);
- pre-meditates participating in sexual sin;
- makes a plan to participate in sexual sin;
- is subtle (conceals her plan);
- knows her unlawful sexual desires are sinful,
- counts on securing divine forgiveness after the adultery (she brought her "peace offerings" in a **penance-type** mentality);
- spent lots of money buying items to make herself appear sexually irresistible;(myrrh)
- had prepared in advance to cause a man to sin sexually (prepared her bed and body);
- waits until her husband is gone;
- dresses like a harlot; (she is an exhibitionist – loves people to admire her for her body)
- enacts her illicit plan;
- propositions the man in a sexual ambush (lies in wait);
- gives verbal and non-verbal invitations to sin sexually;
- reassures him that God won't condemn them (she brought her peace-offerings);
- persistently talks to persuade the man (fair speech, literally "abundant words");
- promises him 'great sex' all night;(take our fill of love -literally, boiling passion)
- uses flattery (literally "smooth");
- reassures him that it is "safe" (her rich husband is away on a long journey)
- uses manipulation - the "force" of flattery;
- uses physical persuasions to cause a man to sin sexually (kissed and grabbed him);
- casts down many men (she is promiscuous);
- lies; she promises a man that he is special, when in fact, she has sexually partnered many men;
- causes pain and death to many men because they fail to resist her immoral advances.

The afore traits could be applied also to a "strange man" as many women have also fallen prey to a "charming man" who "said he loved me and would marry me." But this article is concerned with the issue of "strange women."

"Strange women" in modern churches also flash their bodies at one and all, and cause spiritual discomfort to other men and women - and thus to marriages. Some pretend that God condones unlawful sexual behaviour and displays, eventually suggesting, as they fall deeper into sexual sin, that "it's okay (to have unmarried sex) if you love someone."

The "strange woman" syndrome begins in the mind – **mental attitudes** - and is then evidenced by suggestive clothing. At the overwhelming sight of powerful feminine sexual displays, many men (even those married men who have their sexual needs met on a regular basis) have real trouble staying faithful to their wives - in their masculine minds. Some of the "strange women" are very beautiful and as Solomon notes, they take great pains to make sure they are indeed, sexually very attractive. According to the Biblical plan, however, such displays of sexual beauty should be kept private and sacred and holy, between a husband and his wife - not put out on display to tempt every man's flesh to respond against the law of God. Strange women who choose to display their feminine flesh cause many a husband to struggle in order not to sin with them, in his mind.

When “strange women” parade their fleshly wares in public, many wives also are forced to suffer a huge personal injury. A wife can experience feeling rejected and devalued by her husband. She might remember that her husband vowed - he promised - to “keep himself only unto” her forever, and yet the wife notices that his eyes and mind wander over forbidden pleasures offered “freely” to his eyes, by these “strange women.”

When exposed to a “strange woman's” sexual displays, can a man, *justify* his lustful longings by (sometimes) getting his wife's permission to “look, but don't touch?”

Matthew 12:34 (also Luke 6:45)

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

Matthew 15:18-20

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts,** false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which **defile a man...**”

Romans 8:6-9

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.** 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”

There is a price attached to this “free” unlawful sexual pleasure of entertaining sin in the imagination. Apart from the loss of his eternal salvation, it costs the husband dearly on earth. He loses the trust and respect of his wife. The wife pays internally with deep pain, anger, upset and depression. Perhaps she decides to act in revenge, donning revealing clothes herself to gain from other men, (reassurance of her attractiveness and desirability), which her own husband has denied her and given to other women. The pleasure for the husband is short-lived, while he has to consider if his sexual indulgence was worth the damage done to his wife and their relationship. The marriage suffers and this inevitably hurts any children also.

Isaiah 1:21

"How is the faithful city become an harlot!"

The Bible is not complimentary to immodestly dressed women. In fact, Moses equated a woman who acted like a whore as actually being a whore.

Leviticus 21:7

“They shall not take a wife that is a whore (#2181 ), or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.”

According to Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon, #02181: זנה zannah *zaw-naw'* means, among other things “to be a harlot; to act as a harlot, to commit fornication; to play the harlot.”

## Who are Strange Women? - Those who act as whores, harlots and prostitutes!

Leviticus 19:29

“Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.”

### Peek-a-Boo!

#### (Exhibitionism)

Knowing that whores, harlots and prostitutes parade their bodies (exhibitionism) for a pay-off, we can examine how this text becomes very relevant in the modern church.

A harlot dresses seductively to enhance her chances of sexually arousing a man and by doing so, she tempts him to covet her body. If he accepts her invitation to sin, she **steals** the sexual attentions of that man from his (present or future) wife. The man also is a party to the theft, for he consents to give what belongs to his wife, (his body) to this strange woman.

1 Corinthians 7:3, 4

“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.”

So a harlot or prostitute uses her God-given body to attract a morally weak man. She lays a trap for him and then steals his sexual attention away from his wife. The harlot receives her wages in money, or in Bible times with a young goat or other payment.

Is it possible that there are harlots in the churches?

1 John 2:16

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

A church-woman who dresses enticingly and seductively and parades her “wares” in public is thinking and acting **AS** a harlot, whether she receives a monetary payment or not for her services. She has the same agenda as the worldly harlot – to receive male sexual attention. However, instead of receiving money for their “services” the harlots in the churches receive a more subtle payout. They receive admiring looks, compliments and special male attention that causes them to feel valued. They are treated in positive ways that men are Biblically supposed to reserve for their wives.

According to Paul, the husband's body and his sexual desires and attention are his wife's exclusive property (1 Corinthians 7: 2-5). The husband's sexual attentions lawfully belong to none other than his wife.

The marriage vow reminds Christians of Jesus' words:

Matthew 19:5

“And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

To put asunder means to break apart or to put into separate pieces. If a strange woman interferes with the sexual relationship of a marriage, she is separating that relationship into pieces – trying to reverse what God has already joined and blessed. It is a very serious offence to steal the sexual attention of a man away from his wife, for this action is the manner of a harlot. It is a very serious offence to ACT in the ways that a harlot behaves.

## **Peek a Boo – I See You!!!**

**(Voyeurism)**

Both Solomon and Jesus warned humanity of the principle that thoughts are the battlefield which is fought for the mind.

Proverbs 23:7

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

Matthew 5:28

“But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

The same principle applies to the female gender also.

The choice to cherish **unlawful** sexual thoughts, is sin and it leads to death.

How can women who claim to be followers of God, dress like prostitutes? **Dressing to encourage unlawful sexual attention, IS prostitution. Giving sexual attention to another, other than a marriage partner, is also participating in prostitution.**

Isaiah 3:16-25

<sup>16</sup>And Jehovah says, Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and walk with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and make a tinkling with their feet; <sup>17</sup>So Jehovah will make the crown of the daughter of Zion scabby; and **Jehovah will lay their secret parts (Strong's Hebrew concordance #6596 **poth pudenda - female genitals**) bare.** <sup>18</sup>In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of the ankle bracelets, and the headbands, and the crescents, <sup>19</sup>the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils; <sup>20</sup>the headdresses, and the leg ornaments, and the sashes, and the houses of the soul, and the amulets; <sup>21</sup>the rings and nose jewels; <sup>22</sup>the festal apparel and the outer garments; and the mantles, and the purses; <sup>23</sup>the mirrors and the fine linen; and the turbans and the veils. <sup>24</sup>**And it shall be, instead of a smell of perfume, there shall be an odor of decay. And instead of a sash, a rope. And instead of well set hair, baldness. And instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; burning instead of beauty.** <sup>25</sup>Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war.

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“The prophecy of Isaiah 3 was presented before me as applying to these last days, and the reproofs are given to the daughters of Zion who have thought only of appearance and display. Read verse 25: “Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.” **I was shown that this scripture will be strictly fulfilled.** Young men and women professing to be Christians, yet having no Christian experience, and having borne no burdens and felt no individual responsibility, are to be proved. They will be brought low in the dust and will long for an experience in the things of God, which they have failed to obtain.”

If a woman thinks like a harlot, (**desires and cherishes** unlawful male sexual attention) and if she acts like a harlot (wears revealing, tempting, suggestive clothing so she **can** attract unlawful male sexual attention), then according to both Moses and Jesus, she **IS** already, in fact, a harlot.

### **Who are Dogs and Adulterers ?**

The Bible language for male sexual immorality is not complimentary, nor does it flatter those who participate in sexual sin..

Revelation 22:14, 15

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs (**#2965 a man of impure mind**), and sorcerers, and whoremongers ( **#04205: a man who prostitutes his body to another's lust for hire; 2) a male prostitute 3) a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator** and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” (Definitions from Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

### **Who are Dogs and Adulterers ? - Male prostitutes, fornicators and unlawful sex indulgers!**

If a man chooses to **cherish** the unlawful sexual desire for a woman other than his wife, then the husband is also stealing from another man. The sin occurs, **not** when he is at first confronted with the sexually stimulating sight of a near-naked woman or her emphasised femininely form. Sin only occurs if and when **he consents to cherish** those thoughts. His decision to cherish and accept those initial thoughts lead him to engage in forbidden pleasures provided by the sight of “strange” woman's body. By engaging in lustful fantasies, the unfaithful husband is stealing from his wife, taking from her and giving to another woman, his sexual attention.

But the marriage vows include the promise of fidelity – complete and exclusive sexual loyalty to a marriage partner.

1 Corinthians 7:2-5

“Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.”

Galatians 6:7, 8

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. “

## **Do “Christian” Ladies have a Moral Responsibility to Others?**

Genesis 4:9

“And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?”

Cain had just caused his brother's physical death. When questioned by God over his violence, Cain responded selfishly, without the slightest indication of remorse. Cain basically said, “I couldn't care less about Abel.”

Genesis 4:10

“And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. “

Cain's predicated response today might well have been the incredibly selfish response of,, “If you don't like what you saw, don't look at it!”

A truly Christian man endeavours to avoid seeing unlawfully sexually arousing sights, but this option is not given to him by harlot-women who purposely dress to evoke these normal bodily reactions in men. Perhaps the harlot-women would respond to with, “If you don't like what you see, don't look at it.” Perhaps they don't know that he can't erase the sexual image that has been forced into his brain. The image has instantly begun doing its work on his most susceptible sexual organ – his mind. Is this selfish attitude of harlot-women fair? Many women appear determined to collect their “wages” and a man expressing difficulty over inappropriate sexual reactions is not sufficiently bothersome in the harlot-women's estimation.

## **Visual Rape**

Often a woman will object loudly if a “strange” man focuses his gaze on her breasts, - through her clothing. Women who have experienced such a focussed staring of the shape of their breasts, claim that they feel “visually raped” and rightly so.

However, there is another situation that would also appear to be visual rape.

It is not questioned that a woman has the “right” to dress herself for comfort and for attractive presentation. However if she chooses to dress in a way that is damaging toward men (and their wives), doesn't this present a double standard? A man is condemned for looking uninvited at a woman's covered breasts, but a woman is not condemned for forcing a man to look at her exposed body parts. It is accepted that some men enjoy the sin of focussing on a strange woman's body parts, but this paper is concerned with the effect of unlawful (unmarried) sexual behaviour in the church – those who profess to keep the commandments of God.

Consider the principle involved.

Is it acceptable to force someone to view a sexual sight, which, if they had been offered a choice, they would have declined to view? Is it fair to force a man to be exposed to something that will cause in him, an involuntary and undesired mental, emotional, and perhaps physical and spiritual reaction? Isn't this also a form of visual rape - with the harlot-woman as the perpetrator and man as the innocent victim? Shouldn't such a woman be held accountable for the damage she causes to the man and to his marriage relationship? And for the damage she causes to his spiritual relationship?

### **I Didn't Come to Buy – I'm Just Looking**

However, it is shamefully evident that many "Christian" men think it's okay to look and lust privately after harlot-women in the churches i.e. without their wife's knowledge. Perhaps some suppose that private lusting is a passive sin and therefore it must be less "evil" than actively carrying out the thoughts of the mind.

Jesus knows where the thoughts of the unrenewed human heart lead. It is certain self-destruction. But some professed Christian men and women, can't see the truth - that sin leads to death.

James 1:15

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Remember, according to Jesus, the sin of adultery (and all other sins) **takes place in the mind.** (

Matthew 5:28

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Sadly, many men confess this weakness for sexual sights openly, while other morally-challenged men reason quite unbiblically:

1. I'm not hurting anyone else; and
2. nobody knows that I'm enjoying this lust, so it's only my own business .

These men are mortally wounded and prisoners of their own lust.

## **Thou Shalt Not Steal – Thou Shalt Not Covet**

In the act of mental fornication, both stealing and coveting are committed by both men and women. “Strange women” most often begin with stealing a husband's sexual attention from his wife. Fornicating men most often begin with coveting the unlawful sexual experience that is advertised by the “strange” women's scanty attire.

God says that fornication and sexual immorality *is* idolatry.

Harlotry is an effort to receive worship of oneself. A harlot desires masculine adoration to be given to herself, through her body. But God's people are to give their adoration to God alone. It is no wonder that the Bible calls fornication, “idolatry.”

Colossians 3:5

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: “

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence (unlawful passion), even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. “

## **Natural Immunity?**

Some men say that the display of bare feminine flesh "doesn't affect" them.

One has to wonder:

- are these men eunuchs who accidentally married women ..... (Hmmm)
- Are these men claiming immunity to feminine sexual arousal because they have homosexual tendencies? Probably not.
- Are these men admitting that they have become de-sensitised to sexual sins - sexual immorality – because of their repeated exposure to these types of scenes before?
- Are they saying that their participation in mental harlotry doesn't effect their sexual relationship and loyalty to their wife?
- Are they saying that they can go home and have a loving, sexual relationship with their wives after enjoying the viewing of these women's bodies and it not be a problem - to them?
- Are they meaning that "it's okay to look, but not to touch?" Jesus said it was not even okay to think about how sexually-arousing these women are!

I believe the truth of the matter is that the first time a sin is committed it shocks our conscience, but as the sin is repeated and accepted as “normal” the shock is gradually eliminated.

1 Timothy 4:2

“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”

Familiarity with sexual scenes outside marriage causes a gradual de-sensitivity to the horror and evil of the sin of sexual immorality. This **de-sensitivity** is the reason why some men claim that exposure to a scantily clad or form-fitted woman “doesn't affect me.” Such a seared and useless conscience needs the help of the spirit of God to recreate it into a new, functioning conscience that can raise the alarm when danger of sexual immorality is near. “How can a man “guard well the avenues of the soul” if the protective walls of his conscience have been broken down? Christian women **could** assist these men to rebuild the walls of their conscience by dressing modestly and unselfishly.

## **Turn Away**

Job made a promise to himself before God that he would "turn away his eye from looking at a maiden."

Job 31:1

“I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? “

David learned the "look away" lesson the hard way with Bathsheba.

Psalm

101:3

“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.”

## **The Wife of Your Youth**

Where should a married man focus **ALL** his sexual attention? With whom should **ALL** of the husband's sexual needs be met?

Proverbs 5:18-20

Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. 19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee **at all times**; and be thou ravished **always** with her love. 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?”

How sad that the vast majority of men seemed to enjoy the sinful view silently - lingering with their eyes on these women's bodies. How does God consider this sinful behaviour?

Malachi 2:15

“And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.**”

## Treachery ?

Treachery is a betrayal of trust or faith.

The unlawful acceptance of visual and mental sexual immorality reveals the lie of many husband's professed Christianity. (After all, they say, "It's not my fault she is wearing a revealing dress"). Of course it's not **his** fault that a harlot is parading her body to excite lust in every man. Certainly it is **the harlot's fault** that she is deliberately attempting to demand his sexual attention; but it is **the husband's fault** if he fails in his responsibility to turn his eyes **and mind** away from the harlot's body. It is the husband's responsibility to mentally determine to show honour and loyalty to his wife. It is his responsibility to show that his desire is solely for his wife's body, and that this Jezebellian threat is not going to take his loyalty and desire from his wife.

It is his privilege to offer his wife the security of his love, by the giving of his physical affection at times of Jezebellian threat. Naturally, he does not touch her intimately in public, but he might hold his wife's hand and reassure her that she is far more beautiful to him than any other woman on the face of the earth.

## Pure in Heart

True Christians understand that harlotry doesn't bring spiritual, mental or emotional satisfaction. And the fleeting sexual "satisfaction" that harlotry provides, is unable to compete with the pure, long-lasting sexual experience shared between a married couple. A truly Christian marriage provide for good sexual experiences in a sanctified and safe environment. Harlotry – unlawful sexual experiences, whether in the body or only in the mind of the voyeur/exhibitionist, is a an expensive, but crude imitation of sanctified sex..

A Christian husband who chooses to let the spirit of Christ direct his sexual decisions, will not covet the body (flesh) of a woman who does not belong to him. A Christian wife who chooses to let the spirit of Christ direct her sexual decisions, will not engage in promiscuous visual foreplay. A Christian married couple will keep their sexual behaviour private, protected from prying eyes and valued as a sacred blessing between only themselves.

God has exposed the sin of harlotry, and in the place of that cheap counterfeit, has made provision for His people to enjoy sanctified, pure, sexual pleasure in a loving, private, dignified and Christian manner in marriage.

## It's All in the Mind

Matthew 15:19

“For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, **adulteries, fornications**, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

Isaiah 66:18

“For I know their works and their thoughts:..”

For those who understand the truth about the holy spirit of the One True God will also understand that the battle is fought and won by the Spirit of Christ in the human mind.

Philippians 2:5

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 2:16

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

Romans 8:8-10

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

## Why is Harlotry and Whoremongering Happening?

The Creator has repeatedly said

Exodus 20:14

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

The ancient Israelites continued to practice this particular sin however, and were almost constantly under divine rebuke. Sexual immorality was part of the organised and regular (pagan) church services that took place in the groves and in the high places of apostate Israel.

Jeremiah 13:25-27

“This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. 27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be? “

God points out that it is a shame to be naked and exposed to public view, but many men and women in the churches have become extremely confused on this point. Some women are **proud** of their nakedness and willingly parade it in the churches for all to see. It is a shame. And foolish men admire the display of harlotry and even encourage them by their lack of protest against their pagan and inappropriate attire.

God puts value on the development of an unselfish character, but Satan has managed to convince the churches that his selfish counterfeit – superficial appearance - is what makes a woman truly valuable. And the “Christian” men lap up the fleshly lusts on display. This practice, if continued will result in a “seared conscience” (1Timothy 4:2) and eventually in grieving the spirit of God.

Jesus asked the question:

Luke 6:46

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

The professed people of God who practice sexual sins are in fact, not obeying Christ. They are breaking the commandments of God. They are in danger of losing their eternal life because of this extremely “addictive” sin.

As in the time of ancient Israel, why, are His professed followers today, still calling Him their Lord, when they too are deliberately committing adultery, harlotry and whoremongery with their dress, thoughts and actions? In fact, these sins constitute pagan idolatry. Through unlawful sexual thoughts, Self is being hoisted up for worship in the place where only God should occupy – the citadel of the mind.

***Love is unselfish – divine in origin.***

***Lust is selfish – demonic in origin.***

## **Repentance**

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 55:7

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## **Victory**

Ephesians 6:12

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Victory over the sin of sexual immorality is achievable by 1. submitting the mind to God so that the carnal, fleshly inclinations (to enjoy forbidden sexual sensations) will be “nipped in the bud;” and 2. resisting the devil's temptations in the power of Christ.

James 4:7

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Christians can avail themselves of a Divine Power (Christ) that the world cannot possess without conversion. When the Christian struggles to resist the pressure of his/her lustful inclinations, the promise is given that God will provide divine power to resist the temptation. The Christian chooses to deny the sinful pleasures of the flesh and immediately turns by faith, and in faith, to Christ for that strength.

1 John 5:4

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. “

Galatians 5:16

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

1 John 5:18

“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”

Romans 8:38, 39

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## On Guard

How many truly Christian men are upset by being visually raped? How many are silently offended by being forced to view harlotry in the churches?

There are some men who are truly moral giants, but they appear to be rare heroes.

How can a man "guard the avenues of his soul" and keep his sexual thoughts "only unto his wife." The Bible has some advice.

Deuteronomy 8:3

"...man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live."

Psalms 119:9

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Should men place themselves in places voluntarily where they will be tantalised with sexual temptations?

Proverbs 5:3, 4, 8-11

"The lips of a **strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.... **Remove thy way far from her**, and come not nigh the door of her house: lest thou give thine honor unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labors be in the house of a stranger; and thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed." .

Proverbs 2:18, 19.

"Her house inclineth unto death....None that go unto her return again."

Proverbs 9:18.

"Her guests are in the depths of hell."

The harlot-women can be extremely attractive, but there is a hidden death involved. Harlotry leads to death.

Church-women of harlotry present a strong temptation to true Christian men who really want to live for Christ and win the battle over the fleshly lusts, but Christ has provided a way of escape. If a man is faced unexpectedly with "an eyeful" of feminine flesh, He can ask the Lord to deliver him.

Psalms 18:3

"I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."

Psalms 143:9

"Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me."

## **Damage Control**

A church-woman may appear very beautiful outwardly, but if she chooses to wear the attire of a harlot, she is inwardly (spiritually) “red-lining.” She needs guidance and assistance to understand that her dress-style is really part of a satanic strategy by which he uses her to entice others to sin.

A church-man might be outwardly admirable, but if he is secretly enjoying visually feeding of the lusts of his flesh, which is aroused by harlot-women, then in reality, he is not a Christian.

Both harlot-women and morally-challenged men need the prayers of God's true people to bring them to repentance. Our battle is not against the women or the men who are enslaved in these habits. We are to love our fellowman and women, even though their sins cause us injury. But loving our enemies, or those who injure us, is only part of the Biblical instruction applicable to this situation.

Leviticus 19:17 (Bible in Basic English version)

“Let there be no hate in your heart for your brother; but you may make a protest to your neighbour, so that he may be stopped from doing evil.”

Galatians 6:1

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

Matthew 18:15-17

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.”

## **Conclusion**

John 8:3-11

“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, ***Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.***”

God will help us all to obey that command too, if we are willing to submit our fleshly desires to Him.

Christ has made full provision for our obedience to be possible.

Romans 8:2, 3

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, ***condemned sin in the flesh.***”

Christ knew the full depth and strength of humanity's temptations - including the sexual temptations. He overcame all temptations and made divine power available to humanity to likewise resist all forms of temptations to sin. But the battle for men and women, takes place in the mind. ***To whom will each person submit their thoughts and fleshly desires?***

Remember, the battle for which Christ and Satan are engaged is for possession of ***the mind*** of humanity. Satan tempts humanity through the flesh to gain control of the mind. Only if the fleshly desires are ***not*** submitted to the control of the “mind of Christ,” can Satan gain control of the human mind.

Remember:

Lust is selfish – demonic in origin.

Love is unselfish – divine in origin.

Proverbs 23:7

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of ***a sound mind.***”

1 Corinthians 2:16

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But ***we have the mind of Christ.***”

Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

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