**Door 8: Illicit Sexual Encounters**

**Scriptures and prayers to close doors to this.**

The following are some common objections to God’s commands against sexual immorality:

**It’s not wrong if we love each other.** The Bible makes no distinction between “loving” and “unloving” sexual relations. The only biblical distinction is between married and unmarried people. Sex within marriage is blessed **Genesis 1:28** **And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”** sex outside of marriage is “fornication” or “sexual immorality” **1 Corinthians 7:2–5** **But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but**

**Times have changed, and what was wrong in biblical times is no longer considered sin.** Most of the passages condemning sexual immorality also include evils such as greed, lust, stealing, etc. **1 Corinthians 6:9–10** **Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor reviles, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Galatians 5:19–21****Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

We have no problem understanding that these other things are still sin. God’s character does not change with culture’s opinion **Malachi 3:6** **For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.**

 **Numbers 23:19** **God is not man, that he should lie,**

**or a son of man, that he should change his mind.**

**Has he said, and will he not do it?**

**Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfil it?**

 **Hebrews 13:8****Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

**We’re married in God’s eyes.** The fallacy of this idea is that the God who created marriage in the first place would retract His own command to accommodate what He has called sin. God declared marriage to be one man and one woman united for life.

**Mark 10:6–9****But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’Therefore a man shall leave his father and 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.”**

The Bible often uses the imagery of a wedding and a covenant marriage as a metaphor to teach spiritual truth **Matthew 22:2** **“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,**

**Revelation 19:9** **God takes marriage seriously, and his “eyes” see immorality for what it is, regardless of how cleverly we have redefined it.**

**I can still have a good relationship with God because He understands.** **Proverbs 28:9****says, “If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.”** We fool ourselves when we think that we can stubbornly choose sin and God does not care. **First John 2:3–4****contains a serious challenge for those who persist in this line of thinking: “We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.”**

God gave man and woman the joy and pleasure of sexual relations within the bounds of marriage, and the Bible is clear about the importance of maintaining sexual purity within the boundaries of that union between man and wife **Ephesians 5:31** **“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**

Humans are well aware of the pleasing effect of this gift from God but have expanded it well beyond marriage and into virtually any circumstance. The secular world’s philosophy of “if it feels good, do it” pervades cultures, especially in the West, to the point where sexual purity is seen as unnecessary.

Yet look at what God says about sexual purity. “You should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life” **1 Thessalonians 4:3–5****,****7** **For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;.** This passage outlines God’s reasons for calling for sexual purity in the lives of His children.

We also see in **1 Thessalonians 4:3–5** **For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;**

the necessity of controlling our bodies. When we give in to sexual immorality, we give evidence that the Holy Spirit is not filling us because we do not possess one of the fruits of the Spirit—self-control. All believers display the fruit of the Spirit **Galatians 5:22–23** **22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.** to a greater or lesser degree depending on whether or not we are allowing the Spirit to have control. Uncontrolled “passionate lust” is a work of the flesh **Galatians 5:19** **19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality**, not of the Spirit. So controlling our lusts and living sexually pure lives is essential to anyone who professes to know Christ. In doing so, we honor God with our bodies **1 Corinthians 6:18–20** **Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

**Prayers to overcome sexual sin.**

I renounce all sexual sin that I have been involved with in the past, including fornication, masturbation, pornography, perversion, fantasy, and adultery in the name of Jesus.

I break all curses of adultery, perversion, fornication, lust, incest, rape, molestation, illegitimacy, harlotry, and polygamy in the name of Jesus.

I command all spirits of lust and perversion to come out of my stomach, genitals, eyes, mind, mouth, hands, and blood in the name of Jesus.

I present my body to the Lord as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).

My members are the members of Christ. I will not let them be the members of a harlot (1 Cor. 6:15).

I release the fire of God to burn out all unclean lust from my life in the name of Jesus.

I break all ungodly soul ties with former lovers and sexual partners in the name of Jesus.

I cast out all spirits of loneliness that would drive me to ungodly sexual relationships in the name of Jesus.

I command all spirits of hereditary lusts from my ancestors to come out in the name of Jesus.

I command all spirits of witchcraft that work with lust to leave in the name of Jesus.

I take authority over my thoughts and bind all spirits of fantasy and lustful thinking in the name of Jesus.

I cast out all marriage-breaking spirits of lust that would break covenant in the name of Jesus.

I cast out and loose myself from any spirit spouses and spirits of incubus and succubus in the name of Jesus.

I cast out all spirits of perversion, including Moabite and Ammonite spirits of lust, in the name of Jesus.

I receive the spirit of holiness in my life to walk in sexual purity in the name of Jesus (Rom. 1:4).

I loose myself from the spirit of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

I overcome the world through the power of the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:16).

I am crucified with Christ. I mortify my members.

I do not let sin reign in my body, and I will not obey its lust (Rom. 6:6–12).

God Bless.