



Becoming

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Matthew 5:27-29 (NIV)

³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own **image**, in the **image** of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

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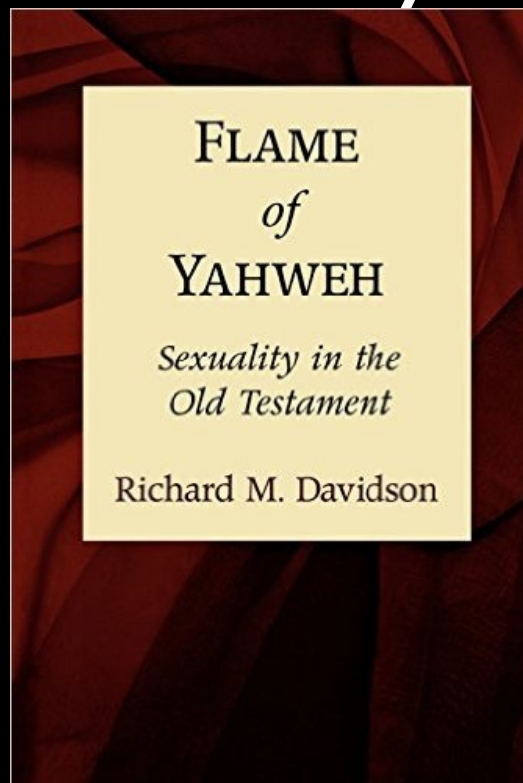
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²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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Genesis 2:24-25 (NIV)

“The final verse of the creation narratives sets forth the divine approbation upon uninhibited, sensuous — yes, erotic — sexuality. Adam and Eve stand before each other, naked and unashamed. They look at each other, delighting in each other’s bodies. They are deeply, passionately, romantically, in love. With economy of words and delicacy of taste, the narrator paints a scene of human sexuality as God designed it should be.



Richard Davidson, Professor of OT at Andrews University
Flame of Yahweh: Sexuality in the Old Testament, 51–52

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“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “This is what the LORD says: ‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown.’””

Jeremiah 2:2 (NIV)

“For your Maker is your husband — the LORD Almighty is his name...”

Isaiah 54:5a (NIV)

“as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:5b (NIV)

³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs — how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world — how he can please his wife — ³⁴ and his interests are divided.

1 Corinthians 7:32-34a (NIV)

An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world — how she can please her husband. ³⁵ I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:34b-35 (NIV)



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