

THE EVIL OF FORNICATION

I. Purpose:

Fornication is not only a contagious but perverse evil that should never be named or practiced even once among the congregation or saints. It is a sin that is against the individual, congregation but first and foremost our Heavenly Father and Messiah, our Bridegroom to whom we are supposed to be betrothed.

Yahweh/Yahuah (Elohim) created sex as a natural and intimate act for marriage alone but the adversary (haSatan) uses this evil to destroy and take advantage of the natural use for which it was intended.

The Bride was made for the Groom and whenever this is altered or perverted there is always dangers and consequences, as a result of our disobedience to the commands and statues of our Heavenly Father.

This lessons stands as a warning against the lust of the eyes and the evil which are a result of this behavior.

Memory Verse:

1Th 4:3-5

For this is the desire of Elohim: your set-apartness! – that you should abstain from whoring, that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in set-apartness and respect, not in passion of lust, like the gentiles who do not know Elohim,

II. Definitions:

Fornication:

G4202 (Strong's)

πορνεία

porneia

por-ni'-ah

From G4203; *harlotry* (including *adultery* and *incest*); figuratively *idolatry*: - fornication.

G4203 (Strong's)

πορνεύω

porneuō

porn-yoo'-o

From G4204; to *act* the *harlot*, that is, (literally) *indulge* unlawful *lust* (of either sex), or (figuratively) *practise idolatry*: - commit (fornication).

H2181 (Brown-Driver-Briggs')

זנה

zânâh

BDB Definition:

1) to commit fornication, be a harlot, play the harlot

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to be a harlot, act as a harlot, commit fornication

1a2) to commit adultery

1a3) to be a cult prostitute

1a4) to be unfaithful (to God) (figuratively)

H2181 (Strong's)

זנה

zânâh

zaw-naw'

A primitive root (highly *fed* and therefore *wanton*); to *commit adultery* (usually of the female, and less often of simple forniciation, rarely of involuntary ravishment); figuratively to *commit idolatry* (the Jewish people being regarded as the spouse of Jehovah): - (cause to) commit fornication, X continually, X great, (be an, play the) harlot, (cause to be, play the) whore, (commit, fall to) whoredom, (cause to) go a-whoring, whorish.

III. Texts for Discussion:

A. Will of Yahweh/Yahuah (Elohim):

1. Born Again (salvation):

Joh 3:1-5

And there was a man of the Pharisees, Naḳdimon was his name, a ruler of the Yehudim.

This one came to יהושע by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from Elohim, for no one is able to do these signs You do if Elohim is not with him.”

יהושע answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see the reign of Elohim.”

Naḳdimon said to Him, “How is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”

יהושע answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he is unable to enter into the reign of Elohim.

2. New Creature:

Gal 6:14-16

And for me, let it not be that I should boast except in the stake of our Master יהושע Messiah, through whom the world has been impaled to me, and I to the world.

For in Messiah יהושע neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but a renewed creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and compassion be upon them, and upon the Yisra’el of Elohim.

3. Sanctified & Holy:

1Th 4:1

For the rest then, brothers, we beg you and call upon you in the Master יהושע, that as you received from us how you should walk and to please Elohim, you should excel still more,

for you know what commands we gave you through the Master יהושע.

For this is the desire of Elohim: your set-apartness! – that you should abstain from whoring,

that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in set-apartness and respect,
not in passion of lust, like the gentiles who do not know Elohim,
not to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because
the Master is the revenger of all such, as we indeed said to you before
and earnestly warned.

For Elohim did not call us to uncleanness, but in set-apartness.

Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but Elohim, who also
gives us His Set-apart Spirit.

B. Our Position:

1. Yahweh/Yahuah (Elohim):

a) Children of Light:

Eph 5:1-8

Become, then, imitators of Elohim as beloved children.

**And walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us, and gave Himself for us, a
gift and an offering to Elohim for a sweet-smelling fragrance.**

**But whoring and all uncleanness, or greed of gain, let it not even be
named among you, as is proper among set-apart ones –
neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not
fitting, but rather thanksgiving.**

**For this you know, that no one who whores, nor unclean one, nor one
greedy of gain, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the reign of
Messiah and Elohim.**

**Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these the wrath
of Elohim comes upon the sons of disobedience.**

Therefore do not become partakers with them.

**For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Master.
Walk as children of light –**

b) Saints:

Rom 1:1-6; 8:26-28

**Sha'ul, a servant of יהושע Messiah, a called emissary, separated to the
Good News of Elohim,**

**which He promised before through His prophets in the Set-apart
Scriptures,**

**concerning His Son, who came of the seed of Dawid according to the
flesh,**

who was designated Son of Elohim with power, according to the Set-apart Spirit, by the resurrection from the dead: **יהושע** Messiah, the Master of us, through whom we have received favour and office of the emissary for belief-obedience among all the nations on behalf of His Name, among whom you also are the called ones of **יהושע** Messiah. And in the same way the Spirit does help in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray, but the Spirit Himself pleads our case for us with groanings unutterable. And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the set-apart ones according to Elohim. And we know that all matters work together for good to those who love Elohim, to those who are called according to His purpose.

c) Sons & Heirs:

Gal 4:6-8

And because you are sons, Elohim has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, also an heir of Elohim through Messiah. But then, indeed, not knowing Elohim, you served those which by nature are not mighty ones.

2. Yahshuah (Messiah):

Bride (wife):

Rev 19:7-9

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him praise, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife prepared herself.” And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the set-apart ones. And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true words of Elohim.”

Note: If we do not know who we are and what our true purpose is then it is impossible for us to recognize and understand how we should live.

IV. Conclusions:

A. Lifestyle:

1. Correct:

a) Spirit & Truth:

Joh 4:23-24

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father also does seek such to worship Him.

“Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him need to worship in spirit and truth.”

b) Must Bear Fruit:

Gal 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness,

gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no Torah.

And those who are of Messiah have impaled the flesh with its passions and the desires.

c) Obedience:

1Jn 2:3-6

And by this we know that we know Him, if we guard His commands.

The one who says, “I know Him,” and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoever guards His Word, truly the love of Elohim has been perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.

2. Incorrect:

Flesh:

Col 3:5-11

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: whoring, uncleanness, passion, evil desire and greed of gain, which is idolatry.

**Because of these the wrath of Elohim is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
in which you also once walked when you lived in them.
But now, also put off all these: displeasure, wrath, evil, blasphemy, filthy talk from your mouth.
Do not lie to each other, since you have put off the old man with his practices,
and have put on the new one who is renewed in knowledge according to the likeness of Him who created him,
where there is not Greek and Yehudite, circumcised and uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave, free, but Messiah is all, and in all.**

B. Purchased:

1Co 6:20; 7:22-23

**For you were bought with a price, therefore esteem Elohim in your body and in your spirit, which are of Elohim.
For he who is called in the Master while a slave is the Master's freed man.
Likewise he who is called while free is a slave of Messiah.
You were bought with a price, do not become slaves of men.**

C. Separation:

2Co 2:14

**But thanks be to Elohim who always leads us on, to overcome in Messiah, and manifests through us the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
Because we are to Elohim the fragrance of Messiah among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.
To the one we are the smell of death to death, and to the other the fragrance of life to life. And who is competent for these?
For we are not, as so many, adulterating the Word of Elohim *for gain* – but as of sincerity, but as from Elohim, in the sight of Elohim, we speak in Messiah.**

Eph 5:1-8, 11-12

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Therefore do not become partakers with them.

For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Master. Walk as children of light –

And have no fellowship with the fruitless works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

For it is a shame even to speak of what is done by them in secret.

2Co 6:14-18

Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness? And what fellowship has light with darkness?

And what agreement has Messiah with Beliya'al? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

And what union has the Dwelling Place of Elohim with idols? For you are a Dwelling Place of the living Elohim, as Elohim has said, "I shall dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."

Therefore, "Come out from among them and be separate, says יהוה, and do not touch what is unclean, and I shall receive you.

"And I shall be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says יהוה the Almighty."

D. Consequences:

Rom 1:28-32

And even as they did not think it worth- while to possess the knowledge of Elohim, Elohim gave them over to a worthless mind, to do what is improper,

having been filled with all unrighteousness, whoring, wickedness, greed, evil; filled with envy, murder, fighting, deceit, evil habits; whisperers, slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, proud, boasters, devisers of evils, disobedient to parents,

without discernment, covenant breakers, unloving, unforgiving, ruthless;

who, though they know the righteousness of Elohim, that those who practise such deserve death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practise them.

E. Expectation:

Eph 5:26-27

in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless.

Our Heavenly Father and our Messiah is not willing to permit or accept a Harlot into the Kingdom or as a Bride and joint heir. It is a place reserved for the righteous!!!!!!

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