

BY-DESIGN & DELIGHTFUL

Thinking Biblically About Sexuality, Part 1
July 12, 2015 Genesis 1:26-2:25 by Bob Branch

MAIN IDEA: Today we're going to look at sex as God designed it: good and delightful in the right context.

1. In Genesis we see that **GOD DESIGNED SEX** as something good, beneficial and delightful. This is the original design... and it is part of "it is very good."

- **God designed male and female in a complementary shape to fit each other.**

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" **Genesis 1:27, 31 (2:22-23)**

- **One purpose of sex is for Procreation.**

"God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply..." **Genesis 1:28 NLT**

- **Sexuality is part of God's remedy for being alone.**

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." **Genesis 2:18 NLT**

- **God-designed sexuality has attraction and pleasure.**

"At last! WO-man!" **Genesis 2:23 NLT**

- **Sex was designed as an exclusive sharing of self with one other.**

"This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife." **Genesis 2:24 NLT**

- **The act of sex is about sharing yourself completely.**

"the two are united into one ("one flesh")." **Genesis 2:24 NLT**

- **God-designed sex is utterly vulnerable and shame-free.**

"Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame." **Genesis 2:25 NLT**

2. Even after sin entered the world, **Sex WITHIN THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE** can be delightful.

- **Sex is an extension of Covenant (Marriage) Love.**
- **It is pleasure in the right place.** (marriage only)

"Your love delights me, my treasure, my bride. Your love is better than wine" **Song of Songs 4:10 NLT**

- **Within marriage, it is right to delight in the physical love of the other!**

"You are slender like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters of fruit. I said, "I will climb the palm tree and take hold of its fruit." **Song of Songs 7:7-8 (4:5)**

"His abdomen is carved ivory" **Song of Songs 5:14**

- **Sex within marriage can provide a deep sense of belonging.**

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" **Song of Songs 6:3**

"I belong to my beloved, and his desire is for me." **Song of Songs 7:10**

- **Sex is a fire which is healthy in the fireplace and dangerous everywhere else.**

"Do not to awaken love until the time is right." **Song of Songs 2:7 NLT**

3. **Human sexuality works right only with GOD AT THE CENTER** of our whole life.

You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies... Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, or God bought you with a high price. So honor God with your body."

1 Corinthians 6:13, 19-20