

## Sexual Life and its Irregularities

God created man male and female, making them a help to one another and giving at the same time the commandment to be fruitful and multiply. Sexual life is ordained by God to those who live in marriage. Marriage is instituted by God, and the Bible advises to keep marriage honourable in all and the bed undefiled. (Heb. 13: 4)

In all times there have been various abnormal forms of sexual life besides the normal married life. I briefly mention some examples: Even the Old Testament relates about the sin of Onan, which means masturbation, onanism. (Gen. 38: 10) Secondly is mentioned fornication with one of the same sex or homo-sexualism. Thirdly, the Bible speaks of intercourse with animals or sodomy. (Levit. 18) Fourthly, it is related about incest, which means sexual intercourse between near relatives, as parents and children or sisters and brothers. (Gen. 19: 31, 1 Cor. 5: 1)

These forms of sin are getting more and more common and allowed in our time. Sinful lusts are roused by the help of all senses, and even the means to satisfy them are found. According to prophecy it will be so at the end of times.

The Bible shows clearly that those who practice these things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6: 9, Gal. 5: 21) Named sin may also appear among the children of God as in Corinth. Paul warns of their fellowship (Eph. 5: 11) and advises to reprove joy the sin. If this is of no help Paul advises to separate the obvious sinners. (1 Cor. chapter 5) Paul reminds us of the counsel of fathers and gives a warning example of how some defiled themselves with fornication and fell away from living faith. In 1 Cor. chapter 10 there are the words: "they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

We may pray the heavenly Father to protect us in this evil time of the world. We strive to avoid sinful lusts, and above all by keeping to the word of God and by hearing and searching it. We do not attempt to awake the desires that live in us by means of bad literature, television, indecent clothing etc. Within increased spare time we do not favour idleness, which is the beginning and root of all evil. Though the enemy of soul, the world and your own flesh tempt you, the child of God is of good cheer because of the perfect merit of Christ. To those who have fallen into named sins there sounds the exhortation to repentance. The gospel of the remission of sins frees the bound conscience to serve the living God.

When God gives us a spouse, we believe he or she to be from God and fit for us. (Gen. 24: 7) The foundation of the whole happiness of marriage is a pure conscience, void of offence. When the spouses endeavour in living faith, their married life lies on a firm foundation and their mutual love is strengthened during the journey of the fight. In the Bible there are many exhortations to mutual love between man and wife. The 5th chapter of the epistle to the Ephesians advises men to love their wives even as Christ also loved the church. (Eph. 5: 25, Col. 3: 19) The Bible advises wives as well to love their husbands, and to love their children. (Titus 2: 4-5) According to the Bible the duty of marriage must not be denied (1 Cor. 7: 3, 5). 1 Cor, 7: 5 says: "Defraud ye not one the other" and there is the counsel to come together again lest Satan should tempt you for your incontinency.

According to the Bible one purpose of the commandment to marry is to avoid lusts and to provide mutual help to one another. Particularly with the young married is sexual life experienced as an important part of mutual intercourse of the spouses. In the course of age there occur changes in the

organism of man. Sexual life gets rarer and rarer but still continues as the bond of firm and mature love close to old age of many healthy couples.

The real purpose of the commandment to marry is reproduction. The new life that is born in consequence of copulation at the age of sexual maturity causes many problems.

When man in modern time attempts to seek for his own convenience and high standard of living people begin to strongly oppose the birth of children. Preventive information is becoming established in the public health care of mothers and children. As children of God we must say that all that is in conflict with the order of creation of God is sin. To those who are married, being at the age of sexual maturity this means that we cannot accept the order of God to be changed in any form, be it either by counting the periods of conception by the help of the wisdom of human reason, by throwing away or spoiling the semen, or by sterilizing the wife by means of preventive pills, spirals in the womb and so on. When we received the grace of repentance we did not enter on the road of our own convenience and pleasure but to the fight of faith. If we begin to travel as servants of sin, we have a bound conscience and unless we repent our end is damnation. Therefore, we beg the heavenly Father for strength to stand straight and to rather suffer sneer and abuse here in this time than come one day to damnation forever.

Because we believe in this manner in accordance with the Bible that God has ordained human life from conception to death, we do not want to kill the born and begotten life in the womb of mother or to stop the pregnancy or to make mother sterile or to sterilize. Though humanly judged our health or whole life would seem to be in danger, nevertheless, it is in the hand of God to the end. When our time is up our life will end in the manner which God has ordained.

A very common experience that belongs to sexual life is the frigidity of wife in married life. The reason may be organic illnesses or defects which one should try to remedy by consulting a doctor. Often the reasons are more of a psychical nature, as the whole reaction of the wife towards copulation. It is true that wife reacts more slowly and cautiously than man and is very much dependent of the feeling of the tenderness and safety which she receives from her husband. In this point, however, we remember what I mentioned in the beginning that the foundation of a harmonious married life is endeavouring in the purity of the Conscience. When we travel, putting away sin, then the spouse appears to us as pure, dear and honored. We do not accuse one another when God blesses us with children or when He makes us sterile. The birth of every human child is ordained in the thoughts of God and He is also powerful to open a barren womb (Gen. 30: 22, Gen. 25: 21). We may live like children trusting in the guidance of the heavenly Father in all phases of our lives.

The Bible proclaims us safe faith because of the perfect merit of the Son of God. In this living faith we regard fornication in all its forms as sin. We confess marriage to be an holy institution ordained by God and strive to keep the marriage bed undefiled and holy, so that we should not yield to serve the enemy of souls because of our own lusts, convenience or honor.

There sounds still the exhortation to repentance to those who have fallen into fault in the various questions of marriage, so that we may not be condemned through the deceit of the enemy of the soul. We beg, therefore, to travel in the safety of the bloody wounds of Jesus in the midst of this evil and tempting world, knowing that the day of our redemption draweth nigh.

