

# Sermon Notes

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## Sexual Immorality Is a Serious Matter

Deuteronomy 22:13-30

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**There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.**

**Sex is intended by God to take place inside marriage only.  
Going outside of that design should be serious to God's people.**

22:13-21 If a new wife is found a virgin or not

**Not having sex until one got married was very important, and still is.** (see 1 Corinthians 7:1-2)

There was honor for her family surrounding the girl's virginity.

Three sources of regulation for us:

- The government (see Romans 13:1-4)
- Self-regulation (see 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- The church, Christians to Christians (Matthew 18:15-17)

22:22 Adultery

**In Jesus, we have forgiveness of sins, but, He wants His people to stop sinning.** (ref.: John 8:3-11)

22:23-24 Sex before marriage, one is betrothed to someone else

**Since sex is only supposed to happen in marriage, someone's first sexual experience is something that belongs to a single person's future spouse.**

22:25-27 Rape

22:28-29 Sex before marriage

There are a few differences between this and the previous scenario that make it unlikely it was rape. She may have been consenting, or at least giving in. (see Exodus 22:16)

**Single people shouldn't engage in sex casually. They should think of sex as an act that is binding them, which is intended to bind a married couple.**

The man seems primarily responsible, maybe as the initiator, or maybe it's because He's supposed to be the leader.

22:30 No sex with your father's wife (ref.: 1 Corinthians 5)

**God's people should abstain from sexual immorality - any kind of sex outside God's design.** (ref.: 1 Thessalonians 4:3)

**Save sex for marriage.**

**Give sex to one another in marriage.** (see 1 Cor. 7:3, Prov. 5:18-19)  
**Keep sex inside marriage, no adultery.**

**What is your response to this?** Discuss it with someone today.