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Spiritual Warfare for Sexual Sin

Introductory Comments

The intention of this book is to deal with the spiritual warfare aspects of sexual sin. It is important, however, for the reader to understand that the engagement in sexual sin or habitual sexual sin is firstly and foremost a work of the flesh (Galatians 5: 19,20,21). Before proceeding with deliverance, the “flesh” of the person, that is, the sin-nature and the thought-life (soul-life, emotions, actions, feelings, desires, affections) that drive the person, must all be brought before the Cross of Christ. This is the only way that the legal ground (the “hook” by which demonic spirits energize, provoke, or exaggerate what the person is doing) can be removed to effect deliverance, if needed.

Spiritual Warfare for Sexual Sin

In **Romans chapter 6**, we read that when we became born-again, we entered into Christ’s death with Him on the Cross, and were buried with Him in the waters of immersion baptism. But like all things of the kingdom, including salvation, this must be appropriated. It must be taken possession of. It is saying to Jesus, “I want that!” so that Jesus can grant it by grace. Each and every one of the above-described aspects of the thought-life which agree with the sin-nature or the flesh, must also be brought to the Cross and their death and burial also appropriated. Only in this way, can the freedom which Christ gives fully can be taken possession of. It must be appropriated.

Galatians 5:17 tells us that the flesh strives against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. It does not say that the flesh strives against the believer and the believer against the flesh. The point is: whenever we, as believers, try to strive against our flesh under our own power, failure is guaranteed. If we are going to do it, we are pushing the Holy Spirit aside. We are walking by works and not faith. We are the ones who are striving against the flesh. That is the reason why our efforts are met with only temporary success, followed by frequent relapses of the same sin(s).

In dealing with sexual sin, we should not jump into deliverance without first dealing with the flesh, in a Biblical way. There is only one prescription for the flesh, according to the scriptures, death on the Cross. The flesh cannot be trained, controlled in its urges, or bargained with. There is a law of the flesh: once is not enough. The flesh desires to have its way. It IS the sin-nature, the “old self” or “old man” of the scriptures, the carnal mind with all of its desires, emotions, and lusts, along with the sensuality of the body with which it loves to indulge itself. The soul- life, the mental thought- life that agrees with it must also be dealt with at the Cross, because it will always agree with the flesh in any striving with the Holy Spirit.

Prayerful guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit is first necessary to determine what desires, inclinations, feelings, affections, actions or emotions provoke or drive the believer into sexual sin (or any sin, for that matter) and agree with the believer’s flesh.

One-by-one they are brought in prayer to the Holy Spirit and their death and burial through the work of the Cross is appropriated. They are then submitted to the Holy Spirit to be kept in His “keeping” power of the death of the Cross. Just as we take possession of salvation by grace through faith, we must also take possession of

victory over the flesh and soul- life by the same grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is effortless...not of works. How is it done? By our faith confession!

The Kingdom of God is always granted by grace and received through faith and demonstrated by action. How did you receive salvation? You took possession of it and confessed Christ as your Savior. You did an action through the confession from your mouth (Romans 10:9,10,13).

Now it must be appreciated that the Word of God in Mark chapter 4 is equated with "seed." And our words from our mouth are equated with seed, also. In order to reap a harvest, we must first plant seed. The scriptures speak of seed-time and harvest-time, sowing and reaping. The seed that we plant are the words of faith from our mouth which touch the heart of God and move God to act on our behalf.

As we continue in prayerful faith confession, appropriating the death of the Cross and burial of the "old man," and trustingly yielding them (the flesh and the soul-life) to the Holy Spirit to keep them in the death and burial of the Cross, a remarkable thing happens: as our words are seeds watered by the Holy Spirit and take root in our heart, the things of the flesh start to fall by the wayside by themselves because they have been given over to the Cross and we have, by faith, taken possession of and confessed, their death.

But this is not quite all that needs to be done. The work of the Holy Spirit at the Cross of Christ was two- fold: death and resurrection. There cannot be a resurrection without a death. That was true for the Lord, and it is true for our thought- life (soul-life). The flesh is to remain in the death of the Cross. But the thought- life must be resurrected into the renewed mind of Christ (Romans 12:2), submitted and surrendered to Him, now desiring to seek what He seeks, to feel what He feels, to desire what He desires as we learn from His Word. This, too, is taking possession of, by faith in Him and in His keeping and renewing power of the work of the Cross. It, too, is confessed until the seeds of our words take root in our life and yield the harvest of change and freedom, allowing the Holy Spirit do the striving against the flesh and soul-life through Christ's power of the finished work of the Cross.

Sometimes the results are immediate and dramatic, but more often they occur as a process over time. But the change comes. It is certain to happen because Jesus Christ is faithful to His covenant and to His covenant people!

Now discernment (word of knowledge) is needed to determine if the problem is the flesh alone, or demonic, or a combination of both.

The latter is frequent when the problem has been longstanding, but it must not be automatically assumed to be the case. There must be a clear and prayerful leading and knowing from the Holy Spirit.

As a general rule, the believer can exercise his/her will over most problems of the flesh alone. When the ability to use the will is compromised, however, or if the will is "bound" and the person seems unable to Overcome the sin, or falls back into sin

repeatedly, or does not desire to be free of the sin, then demonic ministry and demonic presence must be suspected. Again, prayerful seeking of confirmation by the Holy Spirit must be sought. In most cases, it will be evident to both the oppressed believer and the person who is ministering.

In those instances where the problem is the flesh alone, or where the demonic spirit is using the work of the flesh to “feed” upon because it is sin, and sin attracts the demonic and invites the devil in to have his way with us, it becomes imperative to deal with the flesh firstly. A prayer-confession of faith something like the following is remarkably powerful when backed by faith: “Lord Jesus Christ, I bring to you this day my “flesh” and the thought-life that agrees with it, particularly the sinful acts and feelings, desires, and affections of (name them)... and I take possession of their death on the Cross and their burial in the waters of immersion baptism which I entered into with you (there must be an identification with Christ and His work of the Cross... we must know who we are in Christ and what He has done for us) when I became born-again. I now take possession of that death and burial and, by faith, call it applied to the “flesh” and the soul- life that agrees with it.

And to all of those things mentioned; I now yield them to the Holy Spirit to keep them in the death and burial of the work of the Cross by His keeping power, and I take possession of all that I have confessed through your grace by faith in You, Lord, Jesus Christ, and in Your finished work of the Cross by Your precious blood atonement. I call the Blood applied to all that I have mentioned, by faith. I also appropriate the resurrection power of the Cross which I witnessed to, when I came up out of the waters of immersion baptism. I now call it applied, along with Your precious blood, Lord Jesus, to my thought-life and all aspects that agreed with the “flesh, and call my mind renewed by faith in You and through Your Word in all that Your Word has spoken regarding these things. I speak all of these prayers accomplished by trusting faith...in Your Name, Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.”

Now, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to give you the word of knowledge and word of wisdom as to how next to proceed. Is a period of observation and waiting indicated? Or is deliverance indicated? Let something be established in the presence of two or three witnesses, the scripture says.

We now come to the point of considerations regarding spiritual warfare. There is, to my knowledge, a clear indication for deliverance and spiritual warfare when it becomes readily apparent that the person is unable to exercise his/her own will fully, or when they are unable to control their behavior and desires to the point where it may become spiritually and/or physically destructive for them to continue. If they are a physical threat to their own safety or that of others, there should be no resistance in seeking emergency help or medical help from the appropriate authorities.

God often uses civil means to obtain an immediate control of an out-of-control

situation, so that He can get the individual's attention. In such instances, it is unlikely that the person would be calm enough to receive ministry, anyway, although remarkable calming and control can be obtained through the ministry of impartation by the laying-on-of-hands and praying in tongues.

Having made these preliminary statements in this introduction, and having sought the leading of the Holy Spirit regarding deliverance, if the Holy Spirit has led, and there is a clear knowing to proceed, then what are the next options? The answer to this is that we can proceed to do those things which are Biblical, prescribed by the scriptures, and which are empowered by faith, since Scripture tells us that faith quenches all the attacks of the enemy...ALL of them, NOT some of them, not a few of them, but ALL of them! (Ephesians 6:16)

We proceed, now to a more comprehensive discussion of spiritual warfare for sexual sin, beginning with a discussion of background information regarding such sin, and giving a perspective of how God regards it and what He thinks of it, as described in the scriptures. Most people believe that the Bible says little about sexual sin or sexual conduct in general. This is not entirely true, as we shall see in what follows.

Once we can understand the Biblical perspective of sexual sin and how God regards it, then we can go on to discuss the things which the scriptures reveal that we can do to get victory over the demonic contribution to sexual sin that "drives" the person and his/her sin nature. Read on, dear believer, read on.

There is perhaps no other area in the life of a believer where he is more vulnerable to spiritual attack than the area of his or her sexuality. Sex and sexual feelings are God-given for the purpose of expressing covenant relationship between a husband and wife and the Lord Jesus Christ. The doctrine of Christ as it appears in the scripture dictates that our bodies are members of Christ (1 Corinthians 6:15) and are not for immorality, but for Him (1 Corinthians 6:13). Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in which He dwells (1 Corinthians 3:15), is not our own but the Spirit's, and is bought for a price and for the purpose of honoring God (1 Corinthians 6:19).

The pattern of scripture clearly establishes the heterosexual relationship as the only relationship ordained by God. It is ordained in the form of vaginal intercourse between a man and woman who are married, and outside of marriage such sexual behavior is referred to as "fornication." As we shall see later, however, the term "fornication" has a much broader meaning. Let it suffice to say that vaginal intercourse between married partners has also been long held to be an orthodox Jewish tradition as the only form of permitted intercourse, with the male positioned superiorly. This was a holy act in the eyes of the Jews. They revered the Lord and this blessing of sex so greatly that, I understand, some of the Jewish writings mandated prayer before and after the intercourse was performed. It was revered as a holy act for the glory of the Lord.

The New Testament takes essentially the same position and regards the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:15) and the covenant relationship between

husband and wife likened to the relationship and love of Christ for the church (Ephesians 5:23-32), for we are one body with Christ.

Anything outside of this is considered sexual immorality and is strongly condemned by multiple verses of scripture, the strongest expressions of which appear in Leviticus chapter 26 and Romans Chapter 1.

In particular, the term “fornication,” both in the Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek, refer to both spiritual and temporal fornication or harlotry. A harlot, in scripture, has always traditionally been recognized as one who has given herself over to sin or the demonic. New Testament scripture admonishes us that the man who joins his body to that of a harlot becomes one with her (1 Corinthians 6:15), and that the believer is forbidden to drink from the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons (1 Corinthians 10:21). It will therefore be readily apparent that God holds human sexuality in high regard, even using the circumcision of the male penis as the expression of the Old Testament Covenant of the Law.

Our bodies are for the Lord, for His glory, and we are instructed by scripture to offer our bodies in worship of Him (Romans 12:1). Anything outside of this becomes self-indulgence rather than the selfless expression of mutual love in Christ for one sexual partner toward another and the covenant of marriage, which is a communion of their spirits and souls and sexual expression in celebration of Christ. On the contrary, the pursuit of self-indulgence is tantamount to the pursuit of self-gratification or personal increase over the will of God. It is idolatry when God’s purpose is forgotten or willfully displaced. We are admonished by scripture to die to self (1 Corinthians 15:31; Romans 14:8) and to decrease in order for Christ to increase in our lives (John 3:30).

Sensual indulgence is to be restrained (Colossians 2:23) and we are warned that living according to the flesh (carnal mind) brings death upon us and living for Christ requires putting to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13). This is the doctrinal position of the Holy Spirit as expressed in the scriptures. It is, perhaps, best expressed in Romans 12:1 where the apostle Paul tells us that we are to offer our bodies as worship to the Lord.

Biblical Principles of Sexuality

Many Christians believe that the Bible has very little to say about human sexuality. They are under the impression, for instance, that the Bible says little regarding premarital intercourse or masturbation. They observe that, in general, there are relatively few verses mentioned on fornication, adultery, homosexuality, or other sexual misbehavior. This often wrongly leads to the conclusion, therefore, that the sex drive is a healthy, biological drive which must be accommodated and that since it is common for most of society to engage in sexual activity, the sexual expression must be “normal” under most circumstances and intentions. Many would extrapolate from

this, then, saying that premarital sexual behavior and masturbation, among other things, must be considered “normal.”

If one were to accept the common notion of “normal” as that which occurs or is experienced commonly in society, then one would not argue the issue. But the issue is not normality. Murder is also common in society and is therefore “normal” in that it occurs nationwide, but murder is not moral. And that is the issue. What is normal is not necessarily moral and what is common is not necessarily moral. This is exactly the doctrinal position the Bible takes.

I believe the problem is further compounded by the fact that modern-day people expect to find human sexuality principles in the scriptures expressed in modern-day terminology. It is no wonder since most of us have been educated to discuss human sexuality in the terminology of contemporary psychology and medicine. Those who search the scriptures, then, can easily and erroneously come to the conclusion that the scriptures say little about sexual behavior, whether it be sanctioned or not sanctioned by the Lord.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. The first thing that must be kept in mind is that the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures were written in the terminology of the Hebrew and Greek, respectively, of that day. It was not at all uncommon for both Hebrew and Greek words to have multiple meanings, more so than in the English language of today.

If one can understand the words that were used at that time to express sexuality, then a whole new vista opens up by which the believer can readily recognize those scripture verses referring to human sexual behavior and the doctrinal truths they reveal. As we continue further in our text, the reader will quickly come to realize that the scriptures say a great deal more about human sexual conduct than previously anticipated or understood.

To know what the Bible says about human sexual conduct, then, we must know the expressions used by the ancient Hebrews and Greeks.

We must also have an appreciation of God’s viewpoint of human sexuality. Many modern-day Christians refuse to deal with personal sexual matters or those of others; and when sexual impulses arise, often prefer to deal with them by means of suppression or repression of the mind. This rarely works for any great length of time because breakthrough feelings come into the mind’s consciousness and the person then has to deal with those sexual impulses again. Part of the problem arises from the false concept that having sexual impulses or thinking of sexual things is lustful or “dirty.

Some people are brought up to believe that sex is “filthy” and that one should not think of those things or do those things. Some even fear that even entertaining sexual thoughts or thoughts about ones’ own body will raise the wrath of God or bring His punishment.

God’s viewpoint of sex is quite different. He is, after all, the Creator of sex. He

designed the male and female sexual organs and engineered built-in feelings within them, not only to be a means of personal sexual gratification, but also, and more importantly, a means of expressing a tri-lateral love covenant between a man and his wife and Him. And this expression of love of a man for his wife is considered, in the scripture, as a type of the love of Christ for the church.

God, therefore, has a healthy regard for the biology and spirituality of sex, so much so that He even uses it for that most glorious privilege of procreation in which He permits a man and his wife to participate in the creation of a new human being in which the Lord will infuse a human soul and spirit, the purpose of which is to come to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, and to glorify Him. Next to the servanthood to the Lord, which comes with salvation, this is, perhaps, the greatest privilege extended to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

To God then, sex is good and the believer can have as much of it as he wants to, within reason, as long as he does not make an idol of it. As John White points out in his book, *Eros Redeemed*, "Father God regards the use of sex and the sexual organs so highly that, during the Old Covenant, He placed His mark of the Covenant upon the male penis in the form of circumcision, and then decreed that a man and his wife were "one flesh."

God's reverence for the wholesomeness of human sexuality as a part of his creation is also noted frequently in the Old Testament, and occasionally in the New Testament by the use of sexual metaphor. No other area of the Bible is God's use of sexual metaphor more evident than in the Old Testament Song of Solomon (Song of Songs).

At first glance, if read as the logos or written word of God, the reader might get the impression that he or she was reading ancient erotic material.

The reader might then wonder what it is even doing in the Bible. But if one understands that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed, then it becomes readily apparent that the sexual metaphor of a young man's feelings for his bride is a symbolic representation of the love of Christ for His church. If one then goes back to reread the Song of Solomon, asking the Holy Spirit for the Rhema or revealed word, then the text has a whole new meaning.

Another example of the use of sexual metaphor occurs in the New Testament book of Revelation, chapter 17, where the end-time church is described as drunk with the "wine of her fornication ..."

A third example of God's use of the sexual metaphor occurs in the Old Testament in Ezekiel 23:4-20. Here, the political and spiritual fornication of Samaria and Jerusalem are expressed in sexual terminology through their personification as two sisters, Oholah and Oholibah, respectively. Oholah is described as lusting after the Assyrians and the Egyptians and Oholibah as lusting after the Assyrians, the Babylonians or Chaldeans, and the Egyptians. This was political and probably spiritual "prostitution" in which the Holy Spirit describes them as "lusting", prostituting themselves, having Oholibah's 'virgin bosom' caressed, along with such terms as "stripped naked" and

having “. . . lusted after her lovers whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was like that of horses.” (Ezekiel 23:20)

It is, then, readily apparent through expressive descriptions such as these that God is not a “prude” but has a high regard for sex and sexuality, so much so that He uses the terminology of sexual conduct to express his love for the Church as well as to teach moral right from wrong. God’s perspective of human sexuality, then, is that it is holy and set aside for Him firstly. For scripture says that all things are in Him, through Him, and for Him (Romans 11:36).

It is therefore readily apparent that under His conditions, sex is good and our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Our sexual organs as well as our bodies are to be offered up to God as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:13) and our bodies are to be regarded as members of Christ, not for immorality, but for the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:13,15). Sex under the covenant of marriage is not evil, it is holy. Male or female human sexual organs are not evil, but scripture shows that what is done with them can be evil. Nakedness is not evil. But what is done with nakedness can be evil.

There is also a tradition for sexual expression which is not written about in either the Old Testament or the New Testament. This pertains, in particular to sexual intercourse between a man and his wife. Although they are written about in the ancient writings of Jewish orthodoxy, extending from the Old Covenant, I am unaware that they are actually mentioned in the Bible.

Is it any wonder, since both Old Testament and New Testament scriptures frequently and repeatedly emphasize “the natural” as the expression for the use for which God intended, as versus the “unnatural” as the expression for which God did not intend of the use of man’s sexual functions. Such notions appear in the Old Testament Pentateuch and, most prominently, in the New Testament Book of Romans chapter 1.

Let us suffice to say, then, that the theme of a “natural function versus the unnatural function” of men permeate both the Old Testament and the New Testament in support of the principle that vaginal intercourse alone is God’s prescription for healthy sexual activity since the design and natural function and purpose of the erect male penis is to penetrate a female vagina, whose function is to also act as a repository for semen in an act and function which is consecrated to the Lord.

It follows that sexual practices such as oral sex (or “falatio”) or anal sex must be considered perversion (sodomy) since, in these instances, as well as other instances such as bestiality or incest, the sexual organs are being used for that which is unnatural in the eyes of God and for which they were neither intended, designed, nor ordained. Peter warned of this, stating that many people followed they own sensuality and maligned the way of truth by indulging their own flesh (2 Peter 2:2,9,10,18,19,20,21). And again, Paul admonished a church not to make any provision for the flesh and it’s lusts (Romans 13:14), noting that the Body is not for immorality but for the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:13).

And we may conclude from Romans chapter 1 that God's stance and support of the "natural function" of male and the female coming together to utilize that function, is the only righteous and holy doctrinal position of scripture. Indeed, Paul goes on to say that because of the use of "unnatural functions", those who partook in such sinful acts, using the sexual organs for functions for which they were not intended, were given over to a STRONG DELUSION.

It is apparent that this represents a judgment of God for engaging in unnatural activity. Paul then goes on to say that we are to shun the use of the sexual organs of our earthly body for immorality; he equates this with idolatry and admonishes that the wrath of God will follow (Colossians 3:5,6). I will speak more about this later on in the text.

In order to more completely understand the sexual language of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, let us now discuss the most frequently found sexual terminology from the Hebrew and the Greek. I have purposely omitted the use of the actual Hebrew and Greek terms since their pronunciation is difficult and has little or no meaning to most Christians who are not scholars of Hebrew and Greek. I have therefore, for the sake of convenience and to better the understanding of the reader, used the English equivalent of the Hebrew or Greek word to be defined and then its literal and equivalent meaning in the English.

For those readers who desire a more in-depth study of those words and their derivative forms, I would refer them to the terminologies as used in the Bible verses to follow under their appropriate listings. The reader can then obtain Strong's Numbers and Strong's Concordance to study the exact Greek and Hebrew forms along with their shades of meaning as I have included them in this text.

I also refer the reader to Vine's Expository Dictionaries of the Old and New Testaments, the Literal Translation Bible, and Hebrew-Greek Study Bible (MV) in order to look up these terms in the following scriptures. This will give the reader the maximum perspective of the meanings and the usages of these terms and create a greater understanding of the word specificity used by the Holy Spirit when the scriptures were dictated to the Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles through the word of knowledge. A maximum spectrum of accurately defined meanings for each of the following sexually-related terms is thus provided.

Commonly Used Sexual Terminology in the Old and New Testaments:

The terms "**ENTERED IN**", "**WENT INTO**", "**LAI**D WITH", "**LIE WITH**," "**HAD RELATIONS**" appear in one form or another in varying editions of modern Bible translations, particularly in the Old Testament, and imply the performance of the act of vaginal sexual intercourse.

"FORNICATION" – I have found that most of the confusion among modern-day Christians regarding what the Bible says about sexual behavior centers around the use of this word. In modern-day terminology, fornication would appear to mean the

performance of the act of premarital sexual intercourse or extra-marital sexual intercourse. In modern-day societies, this is what is most commonly understood and a fornicator would be regarded as one who performs such acts.

The meaning of the word “fornication” and “fornicator” in the times of the ancient Hebrews and Greeks was quite different, however. It had a much broader definition and a study of the se definitions will make it readily apparent that the ancients did not discern or express the distinctions of various sexual behaviors such as homosexuality, lesbianism, extra-marital intercourse, pre-marital intercourse, sodomy, incest, etc., to the degree that we do today. That is, they did not have specific words for each sexual misbehavior. They regarded most, if not all of them to fall under the term of “fornication.”

In fact, in a literal translation of the New Testament Greek scriptures, the word “fornication” itself is not used. Nor is the word “fornicator.” The word used by the Holy Spirit was “sexual sin” which included fornication among other things. Neither is there a literal translation for the word “fornicator” but, instead, the broader term “sexual sinner” which had a much broader meaning including that of “fornicator.”

Therefore, when the scriptures talk about fornication, they are actually talking about a broad spectrum of sexual sin. When they talk about “fornicators” they are talking about a broad spectrum of “sexual sinners.”

The appropriate New Testament definitions of **SEXUAL SIN** are as follows: harlotry, adultery, incest, being utterly unchaste, homosexuality, lesbianism, extra marital intercourse, pre-marital intercourse, sodomy; to literally participate in unlawful lust of either sex; unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another; fornication; idolatry; masturbation - since unlawful lust of either sex implies unlawful lust for self and the act of which is also idolatry as will be discussed later on; prostitution; libertinism - unrestrained practice of indulgence of all desires (inferring a wide spectrum of aberrant sexual behavior such as oral sex or falatio, anal sex, and also implying masturbation as a form of self-gratification.)

The appropriate spectrum of definitions for the term “**SEXUAL SINNER**” (fornicator): a whoremonger; a (male) prostitute and, by inference, a female prostitute; a fornicator; a libertine; a debauchee.

“**ADULTERER**”: Spectrum of definitions in the New Testament Greek include that of a male paramour; one who commits the act of adultery which is spiritual and sexual unfaithfulness to one’s spouse; is used in the spiritual sense to mean “an apostate.”

“**UNCOVER ... NAKEDNESS**”: This frequently used Old Testament term, prominently noted in Leviticus chapter 18 as well as other scriptures, is usually used with the inference of intending to have intercourse or sexual relations. The literal meaning of the term “uncover” means to “expose” or “strip bare.” The term “nakedness” in the Old Testament Hebrew actually has two prominent meanings, the first being that of “nudity,” and the second being “genitals.”

“**SPILLED HIS SEED**” (upon the soil): I know of only one place in the Bible where

this sexual terminology is used. It is in Genesis 38:9; in this passage, Onan was supposed to carry out Jewish law and provide offspring for his deceased brother by having sexual intercourse with his sister-in-law. He did not want to do this and decided to withdraw from her, at which time the scripture states that he “spilled his seed” on the ground. God regarded this as a detestable thing and slew Onan.

There are those Bible scholars that argue that this is the only passage in scripture in which the act of masturbation is directly addressed. Other argue that God slew Onan not because this was masturbation but because he had an opportunity to have heterosexual intercourse and turned it into interrupted intercourse or “coitus interruptus,” willfully rebelling against the fulfillment of the Law.

The literal translation of the Old Testament Hebrew was not “he spilled his seed” but, instead, “he WASTED IT...ON THE GROUND.” Although the term “spill” in the Hebrew, the equivalent translation meaning “to cast off” as the more emphatic inference of deliberate waste. The Hebrew word for “seed” is figuratively translated as “fruit” which, in this instance, infers the fruit of the human body or that which is able to give progeny, i.e., semen or sperm; it also means “posterity,” “carnality,” and a “child.”

I believe that prayerful discernment of this scripture verse will make it readily apparent to those who perceive with the eyes of the Spirit that God slew Onan because of willful disobedience to the carrying out of the Law, for performing coitus interruptus which is unnatural and which reduced the performance of the sex act to auto-manipulation and ejaculation of semen which he cast off and which was tantamount to masturbation.

Anytime “seed” or semen is wasted, God regards it as masturbation. More on this later.

“MEMBERS”: This New Testament Greek term means “a part of the body” or a “limb.” It refers to the appendages which are attached to the human body and can also refer to a participant of a local church. Its use in those New Testament scripture verses that talk about lust and sexual immorality imply, clearly and in no uncertain terms, that Paul is politely referring to the sexual organs or appendages attached the human body, i.e., a penis (and testicles) of the male and probably the clitoris of the female, since “members” refers to all appendages that are attached to the human body and project from the human body. The term “members” then, is a term that the ancients used to represent the male penis and probably the female clitoris, whose physiological function is to enhance both penile and vaginal erotic stimulation.

With this understanding, then, we can better appreciate the admonishments of the apostle James to the Church (male and female believers), cautioning them to guard against those lusts which wage “war in your members.” (James 4:1)

“SEXUAL IMMORALITY”: The Greek New Testament word for “sexual immorality” is identical and the same as the word which means “fornication” and “sexual sin.” It is therefore obvious that this New Testament Greek word means all three and the terms

“sexual immorality”, “fornication”, and “sexual sin,” are used interchangeably. Those scriptures, therefore, that refer to “sexual immorality” also refer to “fornication” and “sexual sin.” Likewise, the term “sexually immoral” is interchangeable with “fornicator” and “sexual sinner,” the New Testament Greek word meaning the same for all three.

“FLESH”: Although this term means “the carnal mind” or sin-nature and, alternately, “human body” or physical man in the New Testament Greek, its use in the Hebrew of the Old Testament has a different shade of meaning. It can refer to the human body but also means (male) genitals (See Ezekiel 23:18-20 NTV)

“ISSUE”: See Ezekiel 23:20, (NW). Here, the Old Testament Hebrew means “an ejaculation” of sperm or semen implied.

“WINE OF HER FORNICATION”: This definition of “fornication” in the context of this scriptural quote (Revelation 17) is included to illustrate that the same Greek word of the New Testament, which is used to describe all the definitions mentioned earlier, also has a figurative meaning as used repeatedly in Revelation chapter 17. Here, the same Greek word represents spiritual fornication, implying “embracing false doctrine”, ‘apostasy’, or “idolatry.”

In summary, then, word studies in both the Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek make it readily apparent that the ancients viewed human sexuality differently than modern-day man. They recognize the only acceptable sexual conduct ordained by God was that of heterosexual vaginal sexual intercourse expressed through the marriage relationship. Everything else was regarded as “fornication.” It becomes readily apparent from the spectrum of definitions of the word “fornication,” that this word had a broad and all encompassing meaning to them. It not only meant unlawful sex or lust between two people outside of the context of marriage, but also included adultery, incest, sodomy, masturbation, lust for self or others, adultery, apostasy (spiritual adultery), idolatry, harlotry, male or female prostitution, incest, homosexuality, lesbianism, oral sex or (“fornatio”), anal sex, all debaucheries, libertinism or unrestricted sexual indulgence, spiritual fornication or the embracing of false doctrine (apostasy).

When the believer understands the use of the terms “fornication,” “sexual immorality,” and “sexual sin” in the equivalent context in which it was used and applied during those periods of history, then it will become readily apparent that those Old Testament saints and New Testament saints of the early church recognized all of the above-mentioned sexual behaviors not ordained by Father God as “sexual sin” and “fornication.”

In the light of this, it becomes readily apparent that the New Testament speaks extensively of God’s position on sexual sin. It is simply that New Testament scriptures regard all the aforementioned forms of sexual misconduct under one general term. They treat the performer of the misconduct in like manner. When one understands this, then, a brand new perspective of what scriptures say about human sexual conduct becomes apparent, and along with it, a much greater understanding of what God expects of us as accountable Christians.

The dynamics of spiritual warfare for sexual sin for setting “captives” free cannot be well appreciated unless the believer first understands what the scriptures say about human sexual conduct and how God regards “sexual sin.”

The following scriptures should be prayerfully studied, not casually studied, so that the Holy Spirit can illuminate your mind to give you both revelation and perspective in the light of what has been already said.

One simply needs to look at the scriptures from the viewpoint of the Old Testament and New Testament saints as they regarded sexual conduct, and a new perspective will arise in your mind and heart as to what God is really saying about sex. The scriptures can also be used to minister to others. They are categorized for your convenience.

Scriptures on Fornication:

1 Corinthians 6:9 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders...”

Romans 1:24 - “Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.”

2 Corinthians 12:21 - “I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.”

Galatians 5:19 - “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery.

Ephesians 5:3 - “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.”

Colossians 3:5 - “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.”

Scriptures on Sexual Immorality:

1 Corinthians 6:9,13,18 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders... (vs 13) Food for the stomach and the stomach for food - but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. (vs 18) Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.”

Galatians 5:19-21 - “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality,

impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Ephesians 5:3-6 - “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure no immoral, impure or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 - “Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.”

1 Corinthians 5:11 - “But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.”

Revelation 21:8 - “But the cowardly the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 22:14 - “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may go through the gates into the city. (vs 15) -Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.”

Romans 13:13,14 - “Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify”

1 Corinthians 5:10,11 - not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.”

Jude 7,8,10-15,16 - “In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.”

In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings... (vs 10) - Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand, and what things they do not understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals - these are the very things that destroy them.

Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm - shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted - twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Enoch, the seventh Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage."

1Thessalonians 4:5-8 "...not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit."

1 Peter 4:3 -5 - "For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do - living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead."

1 Timothy 1:10 - ... for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers - and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine."

Hebrews 12:16 - "...See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son."

1 Corinthians 6:19 - "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own..".

2 Peter 2:2,9,10,18,19,20, 21 - "Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority."

For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity - for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.”

Colossians 2:4,6 - “I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments... So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him...”

Colossians 2:23 - “Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self- imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack on value in restraining sensual indulgence.”

Scriptures on Incest:

Leviticus 18:6-20 - “No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations, I am the Lord. Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her. Do not have sexual relations with your father’s wife; that would dishonor your father. Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere. Do not have sexual relations with your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter; that would dishonor you. Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father’s wife, born to your father, she is your sister. Do not have sexual relations with your father’s sister; she is your father’s close relative. Do not have sexual relations with your mother’s sister, because she is your mother’s close relative. Do not dishonor your father’s brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations, she is your aunt. Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son’s wife; do not have relations with her. Do not have sexual relations with your brother’s wife; that would dishonor your brother. Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness. Do not take your wife’s sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living. Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period. Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her.”

Scriptures on Sodomy:

Leviticus 18:23 - “Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it, that is a perversion.”

Leviticus 20:15.16 - “If a man has sexual relations with an animal, he must be put to death, and you must kill the animal. If a woman approaches an animal to have sexual relations with it, kill both the woman and the animal. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.”

Scriptures on Homosexuality:

1 Corinthians 6:9,10 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Leviticus 18:22 - “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.”

Leviticus 20:13 - “If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death, their blood will be on their own heads.”

Romans 1:26.27 - “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

1 Timothy 1:10 - ...for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers - and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.

Proverbs 6:23-28 - “For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?”

Ezekiel 16:41 - “They will burn down your houses and inflict punishment on you in the sight of many women. I will put a stop to your prostitution, and you will no longer pay your lovers.”

Ezekiel 23:8-11 - “She did not give up the prostitution she began in Egypt, when during her youth men slept with her, caressed her virgin bosom and poured out their lust upon her. Therefore I handed her over to her lovers, the Assyrians, for whom she lusted. They stripped her naked, took away her sons and daughters and killed her with a sword. She became a byword among women, and punishment was inflicted on her. Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet in her lust and prostitution she was more depraved than her sister.” (speaking of Israel, a type of the Church.)

Ezekiel 23:17-21 - “Then the Babylonians came to her, to the bed of love, and in their lust they defiled her. After she had been defiled by them, she turned away from them in disgust. When she carried on her prostitution openly and exposed her nakedness, I turned away from her in disgust, just as I had turned away from her sister. Yet she, became more and more promiscuous as she recalled the days of her youth, when she was a prostitute in Egypt. There she lusted after her lovers, whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was like that of horses. So you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when in Egypt your bosom was caressed and your young breasts fondled.”

Nahum 3:45 – “...all because of the wanton lust of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft. “I am against you,” declares the Lord Almighty. I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame.”

Proverbs 7:1 -27 - “My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commandments and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and call understanding your Kinsman; they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words.

At the window of my house I looked out through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgement. He was going down the Street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.

Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. (She is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said:

“I have fellowship offerings at home; today I fulfilled my vows. So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you. I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. I have perfumed my bed, with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. Come, let’s drink deep of love till morning; let’s enjoy ourselves with love!”

“My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon.” With persuasive words she led him astray, she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.

Now then, my sons, listen to Me ; pay attention to what I say. Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave leading down to the chambers of death.”

1 Corinthians 6:15,16 – “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ

himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, The two will become one flesh.”

Proverbs 9:13-18 - “The woman Folly is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge. She sits at the door of her house on a seat at the highest point of the city calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way. “Let, all who are simple come in here!” she says to those who lack judgement, “Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!” But little do they know that the dead are there, that her quests are in the depths of the grave.”

Scriptures on Masturbation:

Genesis 38:9 - “But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his, so whenever he lay with his brother’s wife, he spilled his semen on the ground to keep from producing offspring for his brother.”

1 Corinthians 6:9,10 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Scriptures on Adultery:

1 Corinthians 6:9 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders...”

Leviticus 20:10 - “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife with the wife of his neighbor - both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.”

Matthew 5:28 - “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:32 - “But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.”

Proverbs 6:23,25,26,29-33 - “For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life. Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. So is he who sleeps with another man’s wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished. Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving. Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house. But a man who commits adultery lacks judgement; whoever does so destroys himself. Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away...”

Ezekiel 16:36-41 - “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because you poured out

your wealth and exposed your nakedness in your promiscuity with your lovers, and because of all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your children's blood, therefore I am going to gather all your lovers, with whom you found pleasure, those you loved as well as those you hated. I will gather them against you from all around and will strip you in front of them, and they will see all your nakedness. I will sentence you to the punishment of women who commit adultery and who shed blood; I will bring upon you the blood vengeance of my wrath and jealous anger. Then I will hand you over to your lovers, and they will tear down your mounds and destroy your lofty shrines. They will strip you of your clothes and take your fine jewelry and leave you naked and bare. They will bring a mob against you, who will stone you and hack you to pieces with their swords. They will burn down your houses and inflict punishment on you in the sight of many women. I will put a stop to your prostitution and you will no longer pay your lovers."

Proverbs 23: 27,28 – "... for a prostitute is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. Like a bandit she lies in wait, and multiplies the unfaithful among men." (speaking to Israel, a type of the Church.)

Proverbs 7:1 -5 - "My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your kinsman; they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words."

James 4:4 - "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

Scriptures on Lust:

Romans 13:14 - "Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

Romans 6:12,14,17,20,22,23 - "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires...For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace... But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted...When you were slaves to sin you were free from the control of righteousness. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 1:24 - "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another."

Ephesians 4:19 - "Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to

sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity with a continual lust for more.”

1 John 2:16.17 - “For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

James 4:1 - “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”

Scriptures on Abortion:

Leviticus 18:21 - “Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.”

Scriptures on Perversion:

Leviticus 18:23 - “Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it, that is a perversion.”

Leviticus 20:1 2 - “If a man sleeps with his daughter- in- law, both of them must be put to death. What they have done is a perversion; their blood will be on their own heads.”

Romans 1:27 - “In the same way the man also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

James 1:7 - “That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.”

Ecclesiastes 7:26 - “I find more bitter than death the woman who is a snare, whose heart is a trap and whose hands are chains. The man who pleases God will escape her, but the sinner she will ensnare.

Proverbs 7:23 – “...till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.”

Scriptures on Members:

1 Corinthians 6:15 - “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!”

Romans 6:13.19 - “Do not offer the parts of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness... I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.”

Romans 7:23 - “... but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.”

Colossians 3:5.6 - “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.”

James 4:1 - “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?”

James 3:18 - “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

Romans 12:4 - “Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function.”

Romans 7:5 - “For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.”

Scriptures on Idolatry of Sex (Idolatry = Sexual Sin):

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1 Peter 4:3 - “For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do - living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.”

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1 Corinthians 5:10,11 - “...not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but, is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.”

1 Corinthians 6:9 - “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders.. .”

1 Corinthians 10:6,7,14 - “Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry. . . Therefore, my dear friends, fell from idolatry.”

1 Peter 4:3 - “For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do - living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.”

Revelation 21:8 - “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 22:14 - “Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may go through the gates into the city.”

Scriptures on Nakedness:

Leviticus Chapter 18 - “The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to the Israelites and say to them: I am the Lord your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the Lord.’”

“No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the Lord. Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her. Do not have sexual relations with your father’s wife; that would dishonor your father. Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere. Do not have sexual relations with your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter; that would dishonor you. Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father’s wife, born to your father; she is your sister. Do not have sexual relations with your father’s sister; she is your father’s close relative. Do not have sexual relations with your mother’s sister, because she is your mother’s close relative. Do not dishonor your father’s brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt. Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son’s wife; do not have relations with her. Do not have sexual relations with your brother’s wife; that would dishonor your brother. Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter; they are her close relatives.

That is wickedness. Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living. Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period. Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her. Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord. Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion. Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. And if you defile the land, it will vomit out as it vomited out the nations that were before you."

"Everyone who does any of these detestable things - such persons must be cut off from their people. Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable things - such persons must be cut off from their people. Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the Lord your God."

Deuteronomy 28:48 – "...therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the Lord sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you."

Isaiah 47:3 - "Your nakedness will be exposed and your shame uncovered. I will take vengeance; I will spare no one."

Isaiah 57:8 - "Behind your doors and your doorposts you have put your pagan symbols. Forsaking me, you uncovered your bed, you climbed into it and opened it wide; you made a pact with those whose beds you love, and you looked on their nakedness."

Ezekiel 16:8 - "Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign Lord, and you became mine."

Ezekiel 23:18-20 - "When she carried on her prostitution openly and exposed her nakedness, I turned away from her in disgust, just as I had turned away from her sister. Yet she became more and more promiscuous as she recalled the days of her youth, when she was a prostitute in Egypt. There she lusted after her lovers, whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was like that of horses."

What God thinks about Sexual Sin:

As previously noted, the scriptures establish that the person who sins sexually sins against his own body. We are not to engage in sensuality. James also said that the source of conflicts are “your pleasures that wage war in your members” (James 3:18).

Peter warned that many followed their own sensuality, maligning the way of truth and indulging their own flesh (2 Peter 2:2,9,10,18,19,20,21). Paul advises us that we are to make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14) and that we are to consider the members of our earthly body as dead to immorality which is equivalent to idolatry (Colossians 3:5,6), warning that the wrath of God will follow. In Jude (1): 7,8,10-16 Paul firmly admonishes with a “woe to them who practice such things.”

The key to understanding spiritual warfare of sexual sin lies in first understanding the close relationship between sexual immorality (sexual sin, fornication), idolatry, and the problem of “the flesh.” You will note from the preceding list of scriptures on idolatry that the word, “immorality,” and “idolatry” occur together in several scriptures. In Colossians 3:5 Paul states that sexual sin (“immorality” being equated with fornication and sexual sin) is idolatry. The reason for this is that idolatry and sexual immorality always went hand-in-hand in Israel’s history, as is noted in the pattern of the scriptures.

This equating of sexual sin with idolatry is recognized in the form of Baal worship in the Old Testament scriptures. Indeed, one cannot fully understand the idolatrous nature of sexual sin in order to see it as God sees it, without first understanding the history and background of Baal worship. That Baal worship originated under Nimrod at Babylon is an historical fact. It was exported from Babylon to many of the countries of the Middle East and Europe, where it was practiced in various forms. Traces of it can be found in many cultures to this day. Baal worship, throughout its history, existed in a minimum of 15 different forms throughout the Middle East. It was exported from Babylon to Greece, Rome, India, the Middle East, and can be traced even as far as Britain where it rooted in the culture to find its ultimate expression in Druidism. It reached India where, to this day, historical traces of it are found in ancient temples dedicated to Tantra, a type of Hindu worship centered around the worship of the phallus (penis) and where, up to this day, such temples still have large numbers of carved male idols with large erect phalluses depicting their gods. A modern-day expression of this idolatrous worship is found in Tantra yoga (the yoga of sex) by the Hindus of India.

From Babylon, where Baal worship originated in the form of the worship of the god Bel (known to be Satan), the worship was exported to Rome and from there to Britain, and on to Greece where it was incorporated into Dionysian worship, to India as previously stated, and to the Middle East. There were a minimum of fifteen different forms of Baal worship recorded throughout history. It reached its greatest heights in Phoenicia and Canaan, and eventually gained its greatest prominence in Judah.

Here, and apparently in Canaan, the worship of Baal-Peor was apparently most common. This involved ritual sex, particularly the opening or tearing of the female hymen at the vaginal opening, presumably for fertility worship. Baal Berith was not considered the “god” of fertility but the “god” of the “covenant” and was also worshiped in some locations. Baal-Zeebub was worshiped as the “lord of the flies” and, historically, this has been regarded as none other than Satan.

At different times in history Baal worship took many forms but its foundation was based upon sexual perversion and fornication.

It included worship of the sun, fire walking, human sacrifice particularly to the god “Molech” to whom the Canaanites sacrificed their infants; it also included self-mutilation by priests who made cuts on their skin in an attempt to arouse the mercy and compassion of the “god” as they danced naked around their altars. Central to their religious doctrine was the worship of the erect male phallus, the worship of which was publicly and commonly recognized and honored by the building of obelisks and large columns to symbolize them.

There were male and female temple prostitutes who performed the most vile and perverted sexual acts as part of worship. These were apparently performed publicly, while naked, and archeological finds suggest that these acts of ritual fornication and other ritual sex acts were performed by both sexes heterosexually as well as homosexually.

It must be understood that, in most of its forms, Baalism was a fertility religion. As such, ritual fornications and other ritual sex acts were directed at offering the “seed,” or ritual sperm ejaculation, of the male to the “god” in exchange for being assured personal fertility for obtaining offspring, or for fertility of the land and crops. Thus the spilling of the males’ sperm was regarded as a sacrifice to the “gods.”

I believe that sufficient historical evidence indicates that ritual heterosexual and homosexual sex acts probably included orgies, as well as sodomy in the form of anal, oral, and vaginal sex acts of indescribable vileness. In exchange for such unholy lewd and unrighteous fornications, the “gods” gave “favor” and “blessing” upon the participants.

Finding its way into the traditions and cultures of man as it spread worldwide, Baal worship diffused into the societies of various nations in different forms of attitudes and behaviors. Its remnants are today reflected in historical archeological finds such as the obelisk, murals, temple-like public buildings with large columns, and in more modern terms, in nude public beaches, pornography magazines, homosexual clubs and bathhouses, brothels and red light districts and group sex clubs of cities worldwide, to name but a few examples.

Traces of Baalism are found in modern homes and families where decadence is

practiced in the form of pre- marital sex and extra- marital sex, oral, anal, or vaginal sex acts, masturbation, ...all considered “fornication” by Father God but which have come to be accepted as “normal” and “healthy” by modern man. The scriptures say, however, that the body is for the Lord. Therefore, the seed of the body is for the Lord. It therefore becomes apparent that the practice of various acts of fornication(s) where the seed is SPENT is not for the Lord.

Why does God treat sexual sin so seriously?

Because the practice of sexual sin and the use of the genitals for purposes for which they were not intended becomes a habit. And the habit becomes a routine and the routine is the spilling of the male’s seed for purposes for which God never intended, rather than the healthy sexual relationships and experiences of marriage. When the genital organs are used for the purpose for which God never intended and the human seed is spilled for the purpose of man, which is sensual pleasure and self-gratification rather than consecration to the Lord, then THIS is sin. And where sin is Satan is there also. Where sin is, demonic spirits are present to foster it further. The habit becomes compulsive. Eventually the participants are demonically driven or energized through demonic thoughts ministered to their minds to seek more and more of the same. Then, the participants find that they “need” more and more sexual gratifications that they “cannot get enough” or “cannot be fully satisfied”, to use common descriptions offered by people who are oppressed in this manner. The habit or sexual behavior becomes so frequent through demonic encouragement, that it becomes “a ritual,” and Satan has built a stronghold. It is, firstly, a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:19,20,21) and there is a law” of the flesh: once is not enough.

Because of the practice of such sexual sins, the male’s seed, ejaculated into the receptacle or reservoir of the female vagina in an extra-marital or pre-marital relationship, is not dedicated to the Lord or consecrated for the use for which it is intended; it is, instead, given over to demons because of sexual sin. The willful practice of sexual sin, or any sin for that matter, IS IDOLATRY. Both the will and the fruit of the body are given over to demonic use and allows them to live their lives and sinful expressions through the participants. The female’s participation, according to the scripture, is that of a harlot regardless of the number of men she has had.

The scripture states that when a man lies with a harlot, he becomes one body with her. She, therefore, participates fully in the practice of this idolatry. “Modern” man often regards such sexual practices as “healthy” and “normal.” God calls it Baal worship. The licentious variety of sexual acts historically observed as part of Baal worship were the decadent sexual acts which have been known and attributed to man throughout history and regarded as common to man even back to the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. They are the acts of a wide spectrum of sexual behaviors which we discussed earlier as categorized by the Bible under the term “fornication” which was, as you will recall, equivalent to “immorality” or “sexual sin.” The acts are the same

even if the worship of Baal is not intended.

It therefore, becomes apparent that the Holy Spirit, the author of the scriptures, regards fornication as having a rather broad meaning which encompasses the large spectrum of sexual behaviors as previously noted from a survey of multiple literary sources, sexual behaviors which have been known to be common to all men throughout history and have been historically cited to have been a part of Baal worship. I am certain that relatively few Christians recognize the idolatrous nature of sexual sin or fornication.

But sexual sin is idolatry for another reason as well. When a person exalts his self-will or two people exalt their self-will for sexual pleasure and self-gratification unlawfully, disregarding God's desires and intents, they place their own self-will and desires (will is their own beliefs or opinions of what is right or good), upon the altar of their own heart, and give homage to it. They are exalting their own self-will over the will of God and acting on it. This is self- idolatry.

Now you know why God treats sexual sin so seriously - because it involves the practices of two forms of idolatry and has many other consequences as well, which we will talk about shortly. No wonder Elijah killed the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal. No wonder God slew all the Canaanites and Judeans who worshiped Baal. Old Testament scripture reflects that Old Testament saints repeatedly tried to totally eradicate Baal worship from the Holy Land and the same scriptures revealed that they were never totally successful.

It is unfortunate that those remnants, imbedded historically in cultural traditions and behaviors, mar mankind even up to this day. Of even greater concern is the fact that, through sexual sin, the people are given over to Satan who gains the victory and glory, stealing what is rightfully the Lord's. This must grieve the Holy Spirit! Sexual sin has even more consequences. Let us now look at some of the others.

The Consequences of Sexual Sin

Although the following are also consequences of all sin, sexual sin in particular is regarded as different from other sin. In the New Testament, Paul states that sexual sin is not only sin against the Lord, but sin against the body as well. As such, unholy and destructive fruits are unleashed upon the person who willfully practices sexual sin, and they are as follows:

- First and foremost, it grieves the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 10:26,29)
- It tramples the Blood of Christ. (Hebrews 10:26,29) — It desecrates the Holy

Name of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:26,29)

- It IS hostility to God. (Leviticus 26:14) — It is betrayal of the Spirit of God. (Ephesians 4:30)
- It is betrayal of the spirit of man. (1 Corinthians 6:18)

- It is betrayal of the temple of the Holy Spirit which is the body of the believer. (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- It is the practice of two different forms of idolatry. (Colossians 3:5,6)

Next to grieving the Holy Spirit, this is probably the next most serious aspect of committing sexual sin. The willful commitment of sexual sin actually involves two forms of idolatry.

The first thing that can be easily concluded is that sexual sin is tantamount to and IS in fact, Baal Worship even though such worship is neither intended nor known by the person practicing such sin. Consider this: the idolatry of Baal worship centered around ritual fornication or fornications by people who were willing to prostitute themselves. The males were casual and willing spillers of their seed. Historical sources intimate that participants reveled in what they did.

The seed was dedicated as an offering to the god Baal and other gods, and this fertility offering was for favor, among other things. There are some historical records to indicate that male temple prostitutes accommodated female worshipers as well as male worshipers and that female prostitutes accommodated male worshipers as well as female worshipers. The fornications were casual, i.e., without shame, naked, public, and usually involved multiple participants performing various profane acts to please the “gods” and gain their favor. Central to their rights was the willful giving over of the ejaculation of the male’s semen or sperm to the “god” who was, in fact, a demon.

Herein lies the problem for those who practice sexual sin. For God is only involved in an act of heterosexual intercourse between two people when their lives are consecrated to Him and their sexual activities line up with the Word of God and are used for the purpose for which He intended it. Under such purposes and intents, the spilling of the male’s semen into his female mate fulfills God’s purpose, and God sanctions it. God is in it.

When a person practices sexual sin out of the Will and Word of God, he can be certain that God is not in it. And where God is not, Satan IS because Satan is an opportunist. Satan is in it because it is SIN. Satan was in Baal worship because such worship was SIN. Ritual or not, the practitioners of Baal worship spilled human seed outside of God’s Will and circumstances for which it was to be used; they were giving themselves over to demons. God was not in it.

Although those who practice sexual sin today would not regard themselves as pursuing Baal worship, the fact remains that the various acts of fornication as broadly described in the scriptures previously discussed, are not different from those used by

the practitioners of Baal. Scripture indicates that such perversions and fornications existed long before Elijah's times or the Old Testament period of the Judges, even back to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Baa! worshipers were people who had gone a-whoring after demonic beings, who gave over their bodies in sin, and their human seed in defilement and desecration, for a purpose for which God had not intended, and, killing the glory which comes to God through proper use and its intended purpose. "Modern" - day man who practices sexual sin willfully does the SAME thing.

Through sexual sin and the practice of fornication, whether it be pre marital or extra-marital sexual intercourse, masturbation, incest, sodomy (oral or anal sex), or any other form of sex act not sanctioned by scripture, the person in sexual sin is casually giving himself or herself over to defilement by Satan.

These or any other forms of fornications are sin, and where sin is, Satan is. Again, God is NOT in it. Therefore, the spilling of human seed for a purpose for which God did not intend, is sin. And, therefore, the human seed is given over to demonic beings (Satan). The sexual acts are acts performed for Satan, by default. **The practice of sexual sin, then, can be easily seen as Baal worship.** No matter what the sinner thinks about it, proper applications of the scripture clearly demonstrate that it is so. A rose by any other name appears the same. Few realize the seriousness of sexual sin!

Is this all supported by scriptures? Most certainly so, along with the remedy. Perhaps in no other part of the Bible is this more clearly demonstrated than in **Jeremiah 3:8-14**.

The following is from the New King James Version of the Bible for it's use of eloquent prose. The words in parentheses are commentaries placed to aid the reader in understanding what is being said.

The reader must also understand that, although God is speaking about Israel's backsliding, the discussion is expressed in the sexual metaphor. God had a purpose for this. The reason was that Israel represented a type of the believer, and you will recall that the words fornication and adultery in the Old Testament Hebrew meant spiritual fornication and adultery, i.e., apostasy, as well as physical fornication or adultery. It therefore becomes apparent that God feels so strongly about both that he treats them as being essentially the same, and, therefore, uses the sexual metaphor, i.e., sexual terminology to describe the misbehavior of the nation.

It should become readily apparent, then, that since Israel represented a type of the believer, all that is said in the following passages also applies to how God thinks about the believer who has gotten into sexual sin and continues to practice it.

In the following passages, God accused Israel of "committing adultery" because she had gone after "others loves" (pagan nations) when she was supposed to be married to the Lord.

The term “harlotry” is synonymous with the terms “a-whoring” or “whoring after”, and, in verse 9 is regarded as “casual,” implying that it was done with disregard for God’s will or ways. Is this not what those who practice sexual sin do?

Here are the passages: Jeremiah 3:8-14

- (8) Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear but went and played the harlot also.
- (9) So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry (whoredoms or fornications) that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.
- (10) And yet for all this, her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense says the Lord.
- (11) Then the Lord said to me, “Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.”
- (12) Go proclaim, then, words towards the north and say, “Return backsliding Israel”, says the Lord, “I will not cause my anger to fall on you. For I am merciful”, says the Lord;
- (13) only acknowledge your iniquity that you have transgressed against the Lord you God and have scattered your charms (implies sexual favors or fornications) to alien deities (demonic beings) under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My Voice,” says the Lord.
- (14) “Return, Oh backsliding children,” says the Lord; for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family and I will bring you to Zion.”

How remarkable that sexual metaphor is! God tells Israel that He has given them a certificate of divorce. Why? Because their actions broke covenant with Him. Then He accuses them of “casual harlotry,” implying that they have been “casual” in their behavior by disregarding His ways and by playing the role of a “harlot.” What does a harlot do except to seek many loves to fornicate with.

In verse thirteen He says to Israel that, “...you have scattered your charms to alien deities... There is a sexual innuendo here and it implies that Israel had given herself over to demonic beings in the form of worshiping alien deities (probably Baa! and Molech, or the deities of neighboring pagan nations, implied). Why would God have used the sexual metaphor of Israel giving themselves over to demonic beings through scattering their charms, representing lustful pursuits and acts, and if God had not regarded this as being what happens to the believer who willfully practices sin?

God is really showing us that this is, indeed, what happens to the believer who goes a-whoring after sexual sin. And God feels so strongly about it that He applies the

same sexual metaphor to Israel as she went a-whoring after pagan nations and their religions. She had broken covenant and was in apostasy, as the term “fornication” was also used in a spiritual sense. God was saying, “Israel! You are doing spiritually what My people are doing sexually... You are playing the harlot to commit fornication with other loves and scatter your lusts and “wares” to demonic beings!”

It's all there in the scriptures - what God thinks about spiritual fornication and physical fornication. He treats them the same. And it is no great wonder since the nation in covenant with God is but a type of the believer in covenant with God.

There is yet a second reason why the practice of sexual sin is idolatry. It is simply this: When a person takes his opinion and will of what is right regarding sexual sin (or any sin, for that matter) and places it upon the altar of his heart to honor it (while knowing how God feels about it and what God's will is), then that person is into the idolatry of self and self-will. It is exalting one's own will over the will of God. It is giving a place of honor to one's own opinion of what is right and wrong, and letting it take willful precedence over what God says and wills. It is the exaltation of the will of the created over that of the Creator. That, too, is idolatry.

- It is defilement of one's being. (Mark 7:22)
- It is desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:18,19)
- It is pollution of the body. (Jude 1:8)
- It is the rejection of authority. (Jude 1:8)
- It is the slander of heavenly beings. (Jude 1:8)
- It is rebellion. (Jude 1:11)
- It is selfishness. (Jude 1:16)
- It brings a generations curse. (Leviticus 26:39-42)

A generational curse of the particular sexual sin (or any sin for that matter) is passed down upon the descendants for three to four generations to come. (Exodus 20:5) The problem is that it is likely to be a self-perpetuating process, since the descendants will incur the generations curse to commit the same sin, which is then passed down to three or four more generations, and so-on. It is likely to first affect the firstborn son. For example, if grandparents were fornicators, it is likely that the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will practice fornication in some point in their lives. The same can be said for any other sexual sin.

- It brings spiritual death and physical death. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 10:26)
- It brings upon those who practice sexual sin the **STRONG DELUSION** of believing that what they are doing is right; a judgement in which God gives the participants over to their own lusts, and to believe a lie. (Romans Chapter 1)
- It brings about sickness and disease, which entered the world as a consequence of all sin, also.

Besides being given over to the “**STRONG DELUSION**,” the practice of fornications

brings nine more judgements upon those who do such things:

Futile thinking, a darkened heart, the giving over of the person to sexual impurity and lusts (I believe these are demonic spirits); the receiving of a penalty for their perversions; every kind of evil, greed, depravity; all works of the flesh. (Romans 1:21,23-25,27,28-31)

The person who practices sexual sins cannot stand against his enemies (Satan and his demons). (Joshua 7:11-13)

The key phrases referable to the above in Joshua 7:11-13 read as follows: "Israel has sinned...; they have violated My covenant which I commanded them to keep...they have taken some of the devoted things (things that God had ordained to be devoted to destruction, such as cursed objects or "things under the ban")... they have put them with their own possessions . . . (that is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies)...they have been made liable to destruction...I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction... Go, consecrate (sanctify) yourselves in preparation for tomorrow: for this is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: that which is devoted is among you, O Israel... you cannot stand against your enemies until you remove it."

Dr. John White, in his book *Eros Redeemed* (White, John, *Eros Redeemed*, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 60515, Copyright © 1993, Chapter 2), rightfully observed that, in regard to this passage, things "under the ban" or things that were to be devoted to destruction, would have had to include sin. Most of the things under the ban had to do with the possessions of the enemy, probably some of which were idolatrous. It is obvious that, in the above passage, the possession of things devoted to destruction, or commanded by God to be destroyed, were being possessed by the Israelites. They had such things in their possession and therefore, could not stand against their enemies and had been made liable to destruction.

This is again metaphorical for sexual sin, and all sin for that matter, is to be regarded as a devoted thing, something to be rid of and given over to destruction, i.e., "a devoted thing," and not something to possess. The implication is clear as to what happens to those who will go after that which is devoted to destruction - THEY become liable to destruction, and cannot stand against their enemies (Satan and his demons) for God says, "I will not be with you..." Again, God is not in it.

Again, where God is not, Satan IS.

The person who willfully "possesses" sexual sin gives himself over to the enemy (Satan) to his own destruction, and will not be able to stand against his enemies (Satan and his demons). What is more tragic is that such who practice these sins fall under the "strong delusion," a judgement placed upon them to believe the lie (Romans chapter 1), so that they believe that they are doing right. They are in the camp of the enemy, and they cannot recognize where they are at or who the enemy is in their lives. They have willfully crossed over into the enemies territory and cannot know it.

What could be more dangerous? The observation of this is more apparent than in the examples of the assertive homosexual or pro-abortionist who cannot be reasoned with or persuaded that they are wrong.

After studying these fruits of sexual sin, it should be readily apparent to the reader as to HOW SERIOUS the Lord regards such sin and what God's perspective is. After reading all of the scriptures previously listed and learning about the extensive bad consequences of sexual sin, it should be clear to the reader that those who believe the Bible says little about sexual behavior, are in error. It should now be apparent that the Bible speaks extensively about sexual behavior and about what God expects of man. It treats the spectrum of illicit sexual practices under the term "fornication," which you will recall, the Bible equates with sexual sin or immorality.

The fact that sexual sin defiles a person is readily seen in every day life where contemporary society fosters the acceptability of "anything goes" sexual behavior and "if it feels good – do it" mentality. Lust is mistaken for love. Our youth are no longer immoral, they are amoral, i.e., they never learned the morality of sex at an early age to know what was right from wrong, to begin with. Adult men and women enter into marriage, frequently having had sex before marriage.

Young male and female adults as well as teenagers and children have had sex education imposed upon them by the public school systems at a much too early age when they did not have the maturity to handle it, and have been continually bombarded with sex talk and sexual innuendos through the various news and entertainment media. Many have thus come to regard their genitals as objects for self-gratification and entertainment of self and others, rather than as parts of the temple of the Holy Spirit, consecrated unto the Lord, for His purpose, and for which He has a divine plan. They become "sex objects" to be used by each other, lusting after one another because they have never learned the difference between lust and love.

When such self-centered sexual gratification replaces the marriage covenant of love in covenant with Christ, as He meant it to be, then that sexual act is reduced, in effect, to masturbation or mutual masturbation; the intent of masturbation is self-gratification. It is the same as fornication.

Why does Satan want to lead the believer into the practice or lifestyle of sexual sin?

Here are his objectives:

- To defile the body. (It brings on sickness and disease.)
- To cause the anointing to be lost.
- To destroy the glory of God on the person.
- To destroy the believers ministry.
- To create demonic bondage.

- To defile the church.
- To instill unbelief and condemnation.
- To get the believer out from under grace and into practicing sin which, without repentance, will cause them to lose their salvation (Hebrews 10:26,27; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9 -12).

What are all Acts of Sexual Sin Reduced to?

You will recall that earlier in this the word study of the New Testament Greek word for “fornication” through multiple sources revealed that it was an all-encompassing term which, in the minds of the New Testament believers, included almost any kind of sexual act which was committed outside of marriage and outside of God’s will and His Word. Behind each of these varied sexual acts is the need for gratification of self or one’s own sexual desires.

Often these needs and desires arise from a personal background in which there is a history of lack of love, rejection, loneliness, low self-esteem, incest, sexual abuse, rebellion, or ritual sexual abuse to name but a few. Love was never experienced during family life and lust and the physical expression of sexual activity is equated with “love.”

When it comes to the use of sex in the context for which God ordained it, that true love waits. Sex is used in the framework of marriage and is intended to be a selfless expression of love of one spouse for the other, as Christ loves the church. God did not intend it to be a selfish pursuit where each of the participants are seeking their own pleasure and with no other goal in mind. When such is the case, a pre- marital or extra- marital act of sexual intercourse is reduced to nothing more than mutual masturbation, as are other acts of perversion. No matter how it is rationalized, it all comes back to that same concept discussed earlier, that of the spilling of human seed for a purpose for which God did not intend. The fruits of sin, as discussed above, then follow.

Is all Sexual Sin Demonic?

It is always tempting to blame Satan for everything just as it is enticing to claim that there is a demon behind every door as the cause for everything that goes wrong for us. Man has a fallen nature and the flesh is weak. The fact also remains that man is a sexual being who has sexual needs. And having a fallen nature, the natural man is liable to fall into sexual sin. This should not be surprising since when doing so, he is simply fulfilling the functions of his fallen nature. This should not, however, make the believer feel that this should give him license for illicit sexual conduct. For transformation and freedom from sexual sin come only through Christ.

Those who willfully practice sexual sin argue that they do so for the sake of “being

free.” But most of the time, the habit or ritual of fornication precludes their stopping and they do not realize that, in actuality, they are in bondage for one is not truly free unless one has the ability to say “no” to such activity, at will, and to abstain from it without having to fight one’s own sexual impulses. This is hardly the case in most people who fall into a habit or pattern of willful sexual sin. He who sins becomes the slave of sin (Rom. 6:16) and that soul shall die (Ezekiel 18:20).

There are those believers who make a sincere effort in their faith walk and fall into occasional sexual sin, intended or not intended, from which they repent and appear to recover and abstain for prolonged periods of time, only to fall into sexual sin again at a later date. There does not appear to be a pattern of compulsive sexual behavior behind it, nor do they appear ‘driven” to pursue it. In these instances, it would appear that the Lord’s “keeping power” is also evident and that, in all likelihood, such activity was the result of a work of the flesh rather than demonic oppression. Prayerful discernment for the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit should be sought.

In other instances, the believer who falls into repetitive sexual sin may experience compulsive urges and a sense of being “driven” to pursue the same form of sexual activity or other forms as well. Repeated attempts at repentance and at trying to keep one’s faith walk seem to fail, and the believer does not appear to be able to free himself from his problem. In such cases, pastoral counseling or Christian counseling may fail and the believer gets discouraged or despondent. He may even reach a point where he abandons himself to the sin, feeling that he has tried everything, and that things will never be different. His will seems to be bound and he feels at a loss to do anything about it. Under such circumstances, it is highly likely that this is not only a work of the flesh but a demonic stronghold.

The person, in such instances, is so given over to compulsive sexual behavior, from which he does not appear to be able to free himself, that it becomes apparent that the demonic spirit or spirits are living their life through that individual for the purpose of bringing destruction upon him/her.

I find that in such instances there is little room for pastoral admonishment and great need for love, support, and the assurance that the oppressed believer will be free. I believe that most of these cases are a mixture of the demonic at work with the works of the flesh. Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that deliverance is in order upon the leading of the Holy Spirit and after appropriate steps have been taken beforehand, as will be discussed shortly. The flesh must be dealt with, first, to remove the “hook” (work of the flesh) that the demonic spirit holds onto and energizes.

When a sexual demonic stronghold is discerned through the Holy Spirit, it may manifest as sexual compulsive behavior, in which the believer has little desire to abstain. The person may be in denial. There may be hate or self-loathing or a total aversion to sex because of the tormenting feelings and thoughts that arise. If a person has been into reading or producing pornography, there is frequently a spirit of violence “onboard” also.

When a person displays any of these feelings or behaviors and is troubled and

oppressed by compulsive and habitual sexual behavior, the following factors should be considered:

- First and foremost – a generations curse.
- Personal habitual sexual sin leading to the formation of a demonic stronghold.
- Sexual abuse in infancy, childhood, or adolescence, with subsequent demonic transfer to the person.
- Emotional wounds (soul fragmentation) - from parental or other traumatic interpersonal relationships leading to rejection, loss of self-esteem, or rebellion, loss of trust or loss of faith; the latter two make it very difficult to relate to Christ, particularly if the trauma came through an authority figure. Satan moves in with a spirit of seduction, a spirit of fornication, and a spirit of lust to make the person believe that “love” can be obtained through unholy sexual relationships.
- Self- inflicted curses (self- prophecy).
- A curse spoken over, formed against, or directed at the person by others.
- Rape.
- Ritual sex acts - witchcraft, Satanism.
- Unbroken soul-ties.
- Witchcraft: vexations, bewitchments, enchantments, spells, sorcery, magic, candle magic, voodoo, potion magic in particular. For those who struggle not believing that such things exist or can harm the believer, I would remind them of Paul’s observation that the entire Galatian church had become bewitched by getting out from under grace (Galatians 3). Is it any wonder, then, that Paul warned against giving any place to the devil in our lives and that we are not to be unaware of his wiles?
- Rebellion – the willful practice of sexual sin, alone or with another is regarded by scripture as both idolatry and witchcraft.
- Incest.

Deliverance from Sexual Sin.

The ministry of deliverance for sexual sin is always performed upon the leading of the Holy Spirit after prayerful inquiry and discernment. The most obvious and apparent indications accompanying such prayer will be the observation that this person has fallen into a habit of repetitive sexual sin from which he appears to have little or no ability to free himself. It is imperative to deal with the flesh and its works, first. The comments in this book are directed strictly with the demonic aspects of sexual oppression and bondages.

In other words, he/she is in bondage and oppressed by this behavior. There is usually effort of the will to try to resist the sin or their will may appear to be entirely bound and the person unable to relent. It is probably not advisable to attempt deliverance if the believer is not motivated or desirous to relinquish the sinful behavior or to deal with

the flesh. The compulsion and habitual behavior which binds the person to repeat the same sin and behavior over and over again, may be indicative of the presence of a generations curse of sexual sin which must be broken first. I believe this is most often the case.

It is, in fact, in the best interest of all concerned to presume that a generational curse of sexual sin is present, and to break the generations curse first. This only represents time invested in prayer, which can do nothing more than to benefit the circumstances of deliverance.

The demonic stronghold which controls sexual sin can be a varying number of demonic spirits. According to the pattern of scripture, they are named by their function, feeling, or the behavior that they minister. As previously stated earlier in the book, they are also named by their function and administer only one thing. Those readers with a background in psychology or psychiatry will recognize, in the following list of named spirits, psychological or psychiatric terms of sexual behavior often seen in a person thought to have serious sexual problems requiring psychological or psychiatric intervention.

Such persons cannot be freed from such soulish behaviors by soulish interventions. These interventions can do nothing more than to assist the afflicted person in coping with his problem, and, perhaps, get him/her to function again. It takes a move of the Holy Spirit to bring complete freedom to the afflicted person because the problem at hand, is, first and foremost, a spiritual one and Jesus tells us that the things of the Spirit - Spirit. That is, they are dealt with on a spiritual basis.

The mature Christian who is not in unbelief, therefore, will readily come to recognize that the expressed terminology so often used in psychology and psychiatry does not represent symptoms, but intelligent spirit beings of malevolent intent whose purpose is to minister the said desire, function, or behavior for the purpose of inducing bondage, oppression, and ultimate destruction. We therefore follow the pattern of scripture and name them according to the thing they minister, and according to the varieties of behaviors of sexual expression which are commonly encountered in ministry.

Following the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must first bind the "strongman" (ruler) spirit before tearing down the stronghold. This will firstly be Satan, followed by the ruler spirit assigned to the person. I believe that this is usually the spirit of fornication. You will recall from reading earlier on that demonic spirits usually work in threes.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 states that "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." This is particularly true if two or more strongman spirits are backing or enabling the ruler spirit. And again, those spirits receiving directions from the ruler spirit and subservient to him will also usually work in three-fold cords.

Gigantic strongholds such as “the Legion” (Mark 5:9), I believe, represent multiples of the three-fold cord. If we consider the fact that God has ordained a significance to biblical numbers and that the number “666” is regarded as the number of Satan, it would become apparent that this number, 666, represents a multiple chord of three-fold cords. In turn, “666” or a chord of 666 demonic spirits, multiplied again, three-fold, would give a total multiple-fold cord of threes totaling 1998. It is clear that over these stands Satan, and his commanding general, the spirit of Antichrist (or the Unholy Spirit). Add these two to the 1,998 and it will total 2000 evil spirits. Since Satan and the Antichrist spirit will remain as an apparent constant to be factored in to the “equation” since they give direction to all such demon groupings, it will become readily apparent that all such groupings are accountable to the Antichrist spirit and ultimately to Satan; that ultimately, Satan and the Antichrist spirit must be considered, to be a part of all such groupings because of hierarchical organization within the kingdom of darkness.

Taking this into consideration, then, a grouping of 2,000 multiplied three-fold would equal a total of 6,000 demonic entities, or “the Legion.”

I noted in a multiple-source survey of historical biblical literature that a legion could be composed of as little as 2,000 Roman foot soldiers, but usually between 4,200 and 6,000 men. It is interesting to note that if one totally disregarded factoring in Satan or the Antichrist, the figures would still indicate a sufficient number to be regarded as “Legion.” I believe that the Lord gave me this personal revelation to emphasize the significance of the three-fold cord scripture and what the ramifications and implications of this concept means in regard to the ability of these demonic spirits to back and enable each other.

Scripture has it that one will put a 1,000 to flight and two will put 10,000 to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30). It will be readily apparent, therefore, that it would be ideal for two spirit-filled Christians, at a minimum, to minister deliverance to a person. Is it any wonder, then, that Jesus sent the apostles out by two's?

The following represents the picture of the demonic stronghold of sexual sins. The stronghold may be made up of any, or all of the following demonic spirits in any three-fold combinations and multiples of three. It should be remembered, that, in most instances, it is only necessary to bind and loose Satan first, then the ruler spirit(s), and then bind and loose all other spirits under the ruler spirit and command them to leave with him... in the Name of Christ Jesus.”

The rule is that if the ruler spirit is bound, the individual loosed and the spirit cast out, the entire stronghold will fall with him, particularly if bound, loosed, cast out and commanded to leave with him. After binding the entire stronghold, always go for the ruler-spirit(s) first and concentrate on casting that spirit out, settling for nothing less than a physical manifestation of his leaving or revelation from the Holy Spirit that it has departed. As stated earlier in the book, the process of deliverance is performed by the Holy Spirit through the believer ministering deliverance.

Therefore, it is quite important and imperative that the person ministering deliverance

frequently ask the Holy Spirit for discernment, leading, and revelation each step of the way and frequently through the deliverance session.

The Demonic Stronghold of Sexual Sin.

- (1) **Satan**
- (2) **Ruler Spirit:** Usually the spirit of fornication
- (3) **Other strongman spirits** that may be backing the ruler spirit:
spirit of whoredoms, spirit of perversion, spirit of pride, spirit of lust, spirit of error, spirit of bondage, the perverse spirit.
- (4) **The kindred spirits are underlings:**
 - ➔ **The incubus spirit** (a “male” sexual demon which frequently assaults females in their bedrooms at night; females will report a sensation of being held spread-eagle on the bed with a perception of someone being on top of them as if in the intercourse position. Occasionally, those who have spirit vision (the gift of discernment of spirits may actually see the spirit.) They often report a feeling that they are being immobilized and unable to speak.
 - ➔ **The succubus** - a “female” sexual demon which attacks males in a similar manner and usually causes arousal.
 - The spirit of fantasizing.
 - The spirit of fascination.
 - The spirit of control.
 - The exhibitionist spirit.
 - The spirit of lust.
 - The spirit of eye lust.
 - The spirit of touch lust.
 - The spirit of lust for the flesh.
 - The spirit of genital lust.
 - The spirit of penile lust.
 - The spirit of vaginal lust.
 - The spirit of breast lust.
 - The spirit of lust for looks.
 - The spirit of eroticism.
 - The spirit of autoeroticism.
 - The spirit of masturbation.
 - The spirit of sexual idolatry.
 - The spirit of Baal worship.
 - The spirit of compulsion.
 - The spirit of nymphomania.

- The spirit of disobedience.
- The spirit of rebellion.
- The spirit of witchcraft.
- The spirit of self- idolatry.
- The spirit of vulgarity.
- The spirit of verbal lust.
- The spirit of verbal eroticism.
- The spirit of ritual sex.
- The spirit of adoration.
- The spirit of self- adoration.
- The spirit of pedophilia (lust for children).
- The spirit of decadence.
- The spirit of nudity.
- The spirit of voyeurism.
- The spirit of mirrors.
- The spirit of “love” – (keeps loving relationships from forming and keeps people single.)
- The spirit of self- indulgence.
- The spirit of guile.
- The spirit of seduction.
- The spirit of python.
- The spirit of immorality.
- The spirit of homosexuality.
- The spirit of lesbianism.
- The spirit of sodomy.
- The spirit of adultery.
- The spirit of incest.
- The spirit of sexual abuse.
- The spirit of physical abuse.
- The spirit of self- lust.
- The spirit Eros.
- The spirit of pornography.
- The spirit of violence.
- The spirit of bondage.
- The spirit of oppression.
- The spirit of lies.
- The spirit of deception.

- The spirit of prostitution (harlotry) (whoredoms)
- The spirit of temptations.
- The spirit of pre- occupations.
- The spirit of promiscuity.
- The spirit of narcissism.
- The spirit of manipulation.
- The spirit of obsession.
- The spirit of attractions.
- The spirit of desires.
- The spirit of delights.
- The spirit of lewdness.
- The spirit of lasciviousness.
- The spirit of debauchery.
- The spirit of orgies.
- The spirit of Bacchus.
- The spirit of adulation.
- The spirit of idolatry.
- The spirit of habits.
- The spirit of addictions (includes the spirit of sex addiction).
- The fetish spirit.
- The Antichrist spirit (this may be an enabling strongman).
- The spirit of slavery.
- The spirit of stupor.
- The spirit of erotic lust (lust for the erotic).
- The spirit of unbelief.
- The spirit of double- mindedness.
- The spirit of fear.
- The spirit of loneliness.
- The spirit of bondage.
- The spirit of practices.
- The spirit of necrophilia.
- The spirit of forces.
- Disembodied spirits of unsaved family members, relatives, or ancestors of the person or his/her spouse.
- The spirit of inordinate affections.
- The spirit of double- mindedness.
- The haughty spirit.

- The spirit of pride.

Do not memorize long lists of names of spirits . Such lists serve only to provide examples and awareness of what exists in the spirit realm. Instead, pray and yield to the Holy Spirit for revelation (word of knowledge) as to what spirits are present and what the ruler spirit is. Often, the ruler spirit ministers what is observed as the dominant behavior being expressed by the person. When the decision to proceed with deliverance is made, I do not believe that it is unreasonable to proceed with self-deliverance first (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Self-deliverance does not differ in any great way from deliverance ministered by others but must be a leading of the Holy Spirit and carried out in like manner as described earlier in the book.

Again, there must be spiritual preparation, binding and loosing of the hierarchical spirits (Satan first, then the ruler spirit, then all demonic ministering spirits under the ruler spirit) and commands given repeatedly for the casting out of the spirit.

- The powers of the spirit should be broken,
- Their ministry commanded to be stopped,
- Their empowerment and benefits to the afflicted person and their reinforcements cut off.

All the usual precautions and steps previously described should be followed. Do not forget to bind the spirits from violence, accusations, or retaliation. Self-deliverance should not be attempted by the afflicted believer if he is emotionally distraught and certainly must not be attempted in any way by an unbeliever.

In self-deliverance, the commands of binding, loosing, and casting out are performed by the afflicted believer who is emotionally intact and in control. The commands are given until the manifestations of deliverance are noted and the commands are continued over whatever length of time are necessary until it is apparent through the manifestations and through discernment that the deliverance has been brought to completion by the Holy Spirit.

Again, the central effort of the deliverance must be directed toward the binding, loosing and casting out of the ruler (strongman) spirit, with those under him, bound, loosed, and cast out or commanded to leave with him and directed to an appropriate destination. A command should be given for them not to return.

As competence in ministering deliverance is acquired with time, experience and practice under the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will take each believer ministering deliverance beyond the confines of the Biblical basics described in this book, not for the purpose of ignoring them but to refine each believer's abilities and discernments for the work of the Kingdom. With time, the believer may find the Holy Spirit leading him in variations on the basic themes of deliverance into a highly individualized deliverance style. This is a good thing, for we depend upon the Holy Spirit to teach us all things.

We must be cautious, however, that the things which we are led to do are biblical, time-honored and time-tested, effectual in bringing lasting deliverance, and not some form of extra-biblical revelation. The believer must be particularly on guard for the latter, since Satan is all-to-willing to try to seduce the believer into doing something unscriptural, soulish, and ineffectual for the purpose of delaying deliverance or creating a mock counterfeit deliverance, to make the believer feel that he has come upon a great new effective revelation. Paul cautions us in the scriptures that we are not to be unaware of the wiles of Satan. He loves to put on shows. Don't permit it. He's stealing the Lord's glory when we permit theatrical demonic displays.

Note: A thorough review of all of the principles, steps, and precautions for deliverance should be performed before each and every attempt at self-deliverance or deliverance of others until they are thoroughly learned and mastered.

Effective deliverance will occur when the believer ministering deliverance does the following:

- Takes care to prepare for deliverance through seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with prayer, self-examination and confession.
- Takes care to pay particular attention to the details of each and every step to be performed in deliverance, taking every precaution to perform them correctly. I cannot emphasize this enough. Back each and every command with trusting and expectant faith since faith quenches every fiery arrow of the enemy.
- Commands must therefore be given with a trusting confidence, in Christ Jesus' Name, that the response will be obtained. Commands must be continually and repeatedly given with authority, as long as necessary, until responses and results are obtained.
- Persistence is also of the greatest importance since spirits will routinely attempt delay tactics and delay in departing in order to fatigue the deliverance minister and the intercessors.

Two to four hour sessions are reasonable in order to avoid tiring the afflicted believer. There is no time or space in the spirit realm, therefore demonic spirits can be bound and immobilized and bound off from Satan, the strongman spirit, and all of these bound up from each other, their powers broken, and each of them bound off and isolated with all communication lines broken, all reinforcements bound off permanently, immediately, completely, and continually until the next deliverance session. All commands are given "in the Name of Christ Jesus."

The deliverance sessions then may be resumed in one or two days and then brought to completion. There will be no need to worry about the stronghold being rebuilt as

long as the appropriate commands are given and those ministering deliverance have used word specificity in their commands, as described earlier in the book, and have discerned correctly.

Some deliverances are brought to completion over time after being performed in a series of two to four hour sessions. If, however, there are early manifestations of physical signs and impending deliverance, then it is probably wise to continue the deliverance on an intense basis to see if the Holy Spirit will bring it to completion in that one sitting.

Again, the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit is needed during the deliverance session and the Holy Spirit should be frequently asked for revelation, discernment, and for what He desires to be done as the deliverance session progresses. The Holy Spirit's responses and guidance should be sought frequently during each session.

Deliverance sessions tend to become long and drawn out when the deliverance minister and those assisting deliverance attempt deliverance under their own power and might (in other words, "get in the flesh").

The New Testament Greek word for salvation is "sozo." It also means "healing" and "deliverance."

Since salvation is by grace, it is therefore important to minister to the afflicted believer receiving deliverance that his/her deliverance will also occur by receiving God's grace through trusting faith in Christ Jesus. That is, the afflicted believer must be confident that he/she will receive deliverance because of God's love for him/her, not earned from God by his/her own works, and received by confident faith in Christ, that He will do it.

The afflicted believer seeking deliverance should be counseled about these things before the deliverance session and must be made to understand that he/she must release his/her faith to the Lord through his/her decision to embrace deliverance with trust that it will occur. He/she should be counseled that God does nothing but through faith and prayer, and that his /her faith will enable the Lord to respond. This is particularly important since the Lord will use the circumstances of the deliverance to build the faith, confidence, love, and trust of the person being delivered, to His glory. The person receiving deliverance must believe that he receives.

If the deliverance is not a self-deliverance and is being ministered by another person, the deliverance minister must also believe by faith that the Holy Spirit will respond and deliver and he must at all times move in the authority of Christ and His Word.

It is therefore important for the deliverance minister and intercessors to be entirely dependant upon the Holy Spirit for guidance, leading, and discernment of names of spirits and mode of next action or command through the operation of the spiritual gift of word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment of spirits, and, whatever other spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit activates at the appropriate times during the deliverance sessions. Demonic spirits can be questioned during the deliverance session, upon the

leading of the Holy Spirit only.

I believe that the purpose of this is for the edification of the saints ministering deliverance, for the purpose of teaching them something that He desires them to know. It is scriptural. Jesus questioned demons such as those called "Legion." By doing so, the apostles were taught just how large a stronghold can get.

I believe that it is only mandatory to go after the strongman or ruler spirit and the key "players" or other strongman spirits enabling him and those revealed by the Holy Spirit.

These other spirits under the strongman will usually be the ones causing the most obvious and flagrant emotional responses or sinful behaviors which dominate the oppressed believers conduct. Pay attention to this. It is important. The person ministering deliverance and the intercessors should then follow the usual preparations, precautions, and protocol.

It must be kept in mind, however, that deliverance is only one aspect of ministry to the person oppressed by sexual sin or, for that matter, any kind of sin.

There must be adequate preparation of the person who is to receive deliverance. In particular, the oppressed person seeking deliverance must be willing to turn from their sexual sin or other sins and repent and renounce them. If he/she is not willing to relinquish sin and repent, then deliverance should be deferred and the person encouraged to accept ministry in the Spirit through the Word of God, depending upon the Holy Spirit to convict him/her of the need to be set free and of the benefits in doing so.

If the demonically oppressed person has fallen under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and is willing to repent and renounce his sexual sins and receive deliverance, then, ministry in the Word can be used to reinforce and reassure the person, spiritually, of what God will do for him/her in restoration by grace through faith.

I believe there are twelve stages involved in the preparation for deliverance and aftercare of the person oppressed by sexual sin(s) or any habitual sin, for that matter. These twelve stages for lasting deliverance were actually found in the scriptures through the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit giving revelation through word of knowledge and the word of wisdom. It became readily apparent that the scripture groupings of each of these twelve stages defined what each stage was by their very themes. Each theme could be represented by twelve words, all beginning with the letter "R." What follows then, are the twelve R's for spiritual warfare for sexual sins.

It is wise to minister these scriptures slowly and perhaps, repeatedly, stage by stage to the oppressed person so that he may fall under the conviction of the Holy Spirit or be built up by the conviction of the Holy Spirit before receiving deliverance.

These scriptures will also strengthen and reaffirm him/her and their relationship and right standing with the Lord. Select scriptures can be appropriated by confessing

them aloud daily, until they get into the person's spirit and become a part of their being. The Word of God, also, brings deliverance. In addition, this is important for the maintenance of deliverance, and to prevent the oppressed believer from reopening demonic doorways.

As deliverance progresses, the person must be infilled with the Holy Spirit and other ministering angels of the Lord Christ Jesus, including the ministering angels of self-control, continence, and temperance, good counsel, and good judgement, so that the person's "house" does not remain "empty" and an enticement for demonic return as described in the scriptures.

Let us now consider the twelve stages or categories to work through in preparation for deliverance from sexual sin or any other habitual sins.

The twelve "R's" for spiritual warfare of sexual sins can be defined as follows:

1. RECEIVE
2. REVIEW
3. REPENT
4. RENOUNCE
5. REMIT
6. RELEASE
7. REQUEST
8. REFUGE
9. REBUKE
10. RESIST
11. REMIND
12. REMEDY

Let us now discuss them individually for the purpose of ministry of the Word of God to the troubled believer.

RECEIVE

Central to both healing and deliverance is becoming "born-again." Receiving the gospel message of salvation stops Satan's plan for the person's life dead in it's tracks. The person must firstly receive salvation. This is received by grace, that is God's love for us, through faith. The New Testament Greek word for "salvation" as previously stated, also means "healing" and "deliverance." The implication here is PROFOUND. It implies that to walk in freedom from sin, including sexual sin, the person must transfer his trust in himself and his own efforts for freedom (or salvation)

to trusting faith in Jesus Christ alone to do it for him. Thus, the scriptures admonish us to “cease striving...”(Psalm 46:10; Psalm 49:7-9; Psalm 57:2; Psalm 55:2).

To receive deliverance it is not only necessary to be “born-again,” but it is also necessary to be holy. Jesus tells us that if we are not “born-again,” we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. His Holy Spirit also says through the scriptures that unless we are holy we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Holiness, like salvation, is imputed to us when we receive salvation. It is perfected in us by keeping the Word. It requires a conscious decision to turn from sin - all sin, sexual sin included (2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14).

There are seven key factors for receiving successful deliverance from sexual sin or any sin. Learn them. They are important. These seven key factors are:

- Be born-again and baptized in water and in the Spirit.
- DRAW CLOSE TO GOD.

Scriptures tell us that if we walk according to the Spirit, we will not do the things of the flesh. (Romans 8:1-5) - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

This means that the person seeking deliverance, as well as all Christians, must seek and practice intimacy with the Lord through praise and worship and intense prayer including tongues.

Receive deliverance by grace through faith, not through one’s own efforts. Trust that He will do it.

Psalm 37:40 - The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Psalm 35:5 - May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away;

Psalm 56:3 - When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Psalm 62:8 - Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 118:8 - It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

Psalm 148:6 - He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

2 Corinthians 4:15,16 - All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 8:6,7 - So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us -- see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 9:8 - And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Galatians 2:21 - I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

Ephesians 1:7 - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Philippians 1:7 - It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

Philippians 1:2 - Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:2 - To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossians: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:1 - To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

2 Thessalonians 1:2 - Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:2 - ...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Revelation 1:4 - John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne...

Hebrews 13:9 - Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

1 Peter 5:5;***1 Peter 1:13; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Peter 3:18)

FAITH It is faith that stops every fiery arrow or attack of the enemy. It is important to remember this. Through faith every bondage can be broken. Faith always calls the “anointing” down upon the scene, circumstance, or problem. **FAITH MAKES THE “ANOINTING” FALL UPON THE BELIEVERS.** “The anointing” is God’s power mobilized by faith. Hebrews 11:31 tells us that b y faith Rahab did not perish!

THE ANOINTING BREAKS THE YOKE OR BONDAGE. (Isaiah 10:27; 1 John 2:27)

ASK TO RECEIVE deliverance and healing. (John 16:23,24; James 1:6; Matthew 7:7,8; 1 John 5: 14,15; 1 John 3:22).

ABIDE IN CHRIST. The New Testament Greek word for “abide” means “to dwell continually with”; or “to be in communion with.” Our hearts and prayers are to be continually on Him. (John 15:7; 1 John 4:15; 1 John 2:5; 1 John 2:24; 1 John 3:6).

REVIEW The person seeking deliverance must examine where he is at, spiritually. (Lamentations 3:40) It is a mistake for the person ministering deliverance to lump right into deliverance before prayerfully discerning the needs of the oppressed believer who is to receive the deliverance. Deliverance always leads to healing, but there are sometimes when healing must precede the deliverance for deliverance to occur.

The person seeking deliverance may have a wounded spirit, a broken heart, or undealt with sin from experiencing sexual abuse, physical abuse, psychic trauma, rape, incest, violence, rejection, verbal abuse, slavery, or from the effects of family trauma from generations curses in the family line, to name but a few. They may be totally disheartened and may be in doubt and unbelief or they may have hardness of heart. Ministry of the Word of God is in order and the laying-on-of-hands for healing and renewal of the mind, **AFTER** it has been determined that there are no blocks to healing and /or deliverance such as:

- unwillingness to give up the sin.
- no desire for deliverance.
- unforgiveness.
- bitterness.
- resentment.
- anger.
- rebellion.
- involvement in the occult.

- pride.
- willful rejection of the truth.
- doubt.
- unbelief.
- hardness of heart.
- practice of sin.
- lack of repentance.
- anger toward God.
- unbroken generations curses.
- testing God.
- refusal to humble self.
- lack of faith or trust in Christ.
- hate.
- lack of Godly sorrow.

When it has been established that there are no blocks to healing or deliverance, the believer oppressed by sexual sin should be questioned to see if his/her intent of heart or motive is right for healing and deliverance:

- Does he/she know that their practice of sexual sin is wrong?
- Is there Godly sorrow?
- Is he/she ready and willing to turn from sexual sin or any habitual sin?
- Is there true repentance and humbling of self?
- Is there a true desire to be free from sexual sin? If there is not, then use the following scriptures to bring the conviction of the Holy Spirit upon the person to bless them. If conviction already exists, then the following scriptures can be ministered for spiritual reinforcement. The goal is to get right intent and attitude of heart toward the things of the Lord into the spirit-man.

Lamentations 3:40 - Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 28:20 - The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.

Job 18:4 -12 - You who tear yourself to pieces in your anger, is the earth to be abandoned for your sake? Or must the rocks be moved from their place? The lamp of

the wicked is snuffed out; the flame of his fire stops burning. The light in his tent becomes dark; the lamp beside him goes out. The vigor of his step is weakened; his own schemes throw him down. His feet thrust him into a net and he wanders into its mesh. A trap seizes him by the heel; a snare holds him fast. A noose is hidden for him on the ground; a trap lies in his path. Terrors startle him on every side and dog his every step. Calamity is hungry for him; disaster is ready for him when he falls.

Ephesians 5:3-6 - But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Galatians 6:7 - Do not be deceived - God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 5:19-21 - The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

1 Corinthians 6:9,10 - Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8 - But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars -- their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Revelation 22:15 - Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

REPENT

The first part of this book revealed the bad news - that sexual sin is tantamount to idolatry and brings a curse, as does all sin. Now for the good news: the unbeliever mired in sexual sin can be free and walk in victory by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and by walking by grace through faith in Him, abiding in Him by walking in

the Spirit. The believer who falls into sexual sin needs to repent and do the same. This is mandatory in order to be free. Repentance is the open door to the rest of scriptural ministry. The fallen believer must first understand that the root cause of the problem of habitual sexual sin is pride. Pride leads to a fall (Proverbs 16:18).

Thus, when one comes to repentance, the first requirement above all else is to humble oneself and acknowledge a godly sorrow for the sin. These are absolute requirements for deliverance. There must be repentance for rebellion, for the idolatry of self-will, and for the sexual sins (Lamentation 3:40).

If there was another sexual partner involved in the sexual sin, and particularly if that partner was involved in the seduction of the person repenting, the person repenting must, by his will (even if he does not feel the desire to do so) release the person who took advantage of him/her from all unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, or anger. The repenting person must also release himself from these same things and there must be self-forgiveness, as well.

If there is resentment or anger toward God, then the repentant person must acknowledge this, repent of it, and release the Lord and himself from this sin.

There must be an associated confession of all sins in order to remove and “legal grounds” for Satan to continue to act in the life of the afflicted believer.

Be sure to deal with doubt and unbelief. This, in and of itself, may be a spiritual attack. Doubt and unbelief may be at the root of failure to be free of sexual sin since it is a denial of faith in Christ to deliver. Paul states that all that is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).

Doubt and unbelief opens the door to the ministry of demonic thoughts to the persons mind. It is no wonder that, just as faith attracts the Holy Spirit, fear attracts the demonic. I am not talking about human fear such as the fear of falling. I am talking about the fear in one’s mind which becomes a continual preoccupation because of lack of faith. All that is not of faith is sin. Therefore the fear becomes legal ground for demonic attack and the perpetuation of the behavior. Fear, doubt, unbelief, and guilt (condemnation) are open doors for demonic attack.

The person needing repentance and deliverance frequently will not seek help because of four common fears which are usually demonically ministered to him and cause him to give up all hope of ever being free of sexual sin.

These four fears are:

- The fear of falling again.
- The fear of loss of salvation.
- The fear of not being able to stop and falling the Lord.
- The fear of being found out or publicly exposed.

A lying spirit frequently ministers along with the spirit of fear forming a three-fold cord

with the strongman spirit of fornication.

The lying spirit will minister lies to the affected mind of the believer or unbeliever such as “I can’t conquer this sin...” or “I’ll never be free of this sin again...” or “I’ve lost my salvation...”. Demonic ministry of such thoughts to the mind of the believer is always expressed in the first person singular pronoun “I,” so that the afflicted person will believe that these thoughts are his own. Therefore, a frank inquiry and discussion of the thoughts the individual is experiencing is always in order so that he can be made to understand the origin of these tormenting thoughts.

Indeed, discernment is necessary to be able to tell if the thoughts are demonically ministered or if they represent the persons own human fears. If they are frequent, repetitive, and tormenting, then a demonic origin will usually be discerned. Accordingly, the person receiving ministry for repentance should be asked to repent of fear, doubt, unbelief, guilt, the sexual sins, and, whatever other sins are acknowledged by the person or revealed by the Spirit.

The sins of seduction, sensuality, lust, and guile (secret deceit), are not uncommon. In fact, pride and sensuality are often the two precipitating factors or predisposing sins that establish the pattern of sexual sin in a person’s life. It usually begins with a seducing spirit who ministers along with a spirit of lust or sensuality to spur on a sexual desire. These spirits, in turn, minister a seduction or attraction to cause the afflicted individual to cross over into enemy territory. We must remember that there is no demilitarized zone between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.

For all practical purposes, there is simply a dividing line between what is of God and what is of Satan. And the scriptures show us what is on each side of the dividing line. And we are warned in scripture that in the day that we create a break in the hedge (of protection) and cross over the line into enemy territory, we will be bit by a snake (Ecclesiastes 10:8).

Sometimes a snake doesn’t like to let go. It sinks its teeth into a man and cannot be readily shaken off. The man may run back across the border to his own “territory,” bringing the snake with him, sort of a new fixture in his life. Snake venom sometimes numbs a person, firstly at the point of the bite and then later on affecting his whole being.

If the snake hangs around or hangs on long enough, the numbing affect of the venom may cause the person to forget the pain he is in, but eventually the snake and the venom will make the person very sick (spiritually) if not kill him. If the venom, the fruit of the snake, produces a “high” in the individual which he then begins to like, the person may then be encouraged in his thoughts to cross back over the enemy’s border into enemy territory again to get more “highs.” The numbing affect of the venom (sin) upon the person’s mind impairs their spiritual judgement, and more snakes bite. There are more “highs”.

The person under attack is just so numbed by the venom (mentally), that he begins to think more about the “highs” (sexual pleasures) as he takes on more snake bites. He

brings more snakes into his life and, before he can realize the full consequences of his actions, he has a nest of snakes (a demonic stronghold) on him. Even when he crosses back over the border into his own territory, he brings the snakes with him and they will continue to minister their venom.

Now, of course, I am speaking metaphorically. The snakes represent demons (Luke 10:19), and the venom they inject represents the sin they minister or inject into the person's life. The "high" is the sexual delight and pleasure of which they foster a pursuit. The numbing effect on the mind represents the loss of conviction of sin, its seriousness and consequences, which comes with receiving more and more venom, which is the sexual sin.

The border represents the point of crossing over from walking in the Spirit and getting into any territory of the soul or mind, which scripture has it, strives against the Spirit. A nest of snakes represents a demonic stronghold. The afflicted man represents the oppressed believer. He will never be free of the stronghold or nest of snakes (demonic spirits) until they are shaken off (Acts 28:4,5) or, in other words, cast out.

The venomous "high" produced by a steady dose of sexual sin over time can numb or cloud the mind and reduce one's focus on the Lord and what His desires are for the person's life. The person comes to think more and more about self and self-gratification and less about the Lord. After all, he is in enemy territory. I am, of course, addressing the believer who has fallen into sexual sin and is now practicing sin.

The willful practice of sexual sin or other sin with disregard for the scriptural position of the Word of God is rebellion. Persistence and rebellion against God's will and Word will lead to eventual judgement after the Lord extends a period of grace for repentance. Judgement is certain to follow if a believer who has fallen into such sin has a knowledge of God's Word and Will and persists in his own self-will.

We are cautioned in **1 Corinthians 10:21** that we cannot drink of the Lord's cup and the cup of demons.

We are cautioned in **Psalms 24:3-5** that no man can stand on the Lord's holy hill except he who has a pure heart and clean hands. **Proverbs 14:12** cautions that there is a way that SEEMS right to a man but it ends in death.

The believer ministering repentance to an oppressed believer must make him/her understand the fact that we are under God's grace and because Jesus paid the price for all sin, for all men, for all time, that this is not a license for them to practice sin.

The practice of sin moves a person OUT from under grace when it is willful and premeditated and, I believe, there are sufficient scriptures to demonstrate that those who practice sin of any kind, having knowledge of God and the Word, can lose their salvation when they do so willfully. They may be deluded into believing that they are saved and still in the Kingdom of God, thinking that they are still under grace because "Jesus paid it all." But scripture says otherwise.

Hebrews 6:4-6 states that it is impossible for us to renew them to repentance while they persist in such things because they are crucifying the Lord afresh. The implication is that they must come to repentance as an act of self-will. Not even their prayers will be heard (**Proverbs 28:9**).

In response to their willfulness and rebellious pride, **Leviticus 26:14-30** cautions that God will become hostile and punish seven times over for their sins. We are reminded that God never changes.

In addition to the above, the believer who is ministering to another believer who has fallen into the practice of sexual sin may want to minister any or all of the following scriptures which address the consequences of refusal to humble oneself and to repent of the practice of sin:

Hebrews 3:17,18 - And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?

Hebrews 10:26,27 - If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgement and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Hebrews 4:3-7 - Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared an oath in my anger, They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Jude 1:11 - Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit unto Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

Proverbs 16:18 - Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

2 Timothy 2:21,22 - If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Proverbs 21:22 - A wise man attacks the city of the mighty and pulls down the stronghold in which they trust.

Proverbs 28:9 - If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

Colossians 3:5,6 - Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

Jeremiah 1:12 - The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

The following general scriptures on repentance are also important to bring the believer who is into sexual sin under conviction of the Holy Spirit:

2 Corinthians 7:11 - See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.

2 Corinthians 13:5 - Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you - unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Timothy 2:25,26 - Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Acts 2:38 - Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 13:3 -5 - I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them - do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Luke 15:7 - I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Psalms 51:10-13,17 - Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways., and sinners will turn back to you... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

It is important to minister to the fallen believer in a loving and gentle manner, the fact that there can be no deliverance without godly sorrow and repentance. It is also important for him/her to know that those ministering are doing so in the same unconditional love that Christ extended to all who lived according to their fallen nature before they were saved and that he/she is not held under condemnation nor criticism for their sins. It is equally important to remind the believer who has fallen into sexual sin that, repentance will bring the faithfulness of Christ back on the scene:

2 Timothy 2:13 - If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

RENOUCE

Once the believer oppressed by sexual sin has come to repentance, renouncing will pave the way for restoration and prosperity:

Ezekiel 14:6 - Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!

Daniel 4:27 - Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.

REMIT

The problem must be remitted to the Lord. It is important for the afflicted believer to cease striving. When a believer falls into sexual sin or any other sin that becomes a habit, it is usual for him/her to attempt to control the problem or to get rid of it through their own self-effort. This is usually not successful. Grace is needed. Attempts to control through self-effort usually perpetuates the behavior. It is imperative that they recognize that the "...got to get back on track..." attitude is an answer of "works" toward saving oneself, NOT grace. Freedom from any sin is by receiving God's grace for the situation or circumstance, telling him that it is received and thanking Him that it is sufficient. There is no other way.

By remitting the problem over to the Lord Jesus Christ, the person afflicted with sexual sin humbles himself by abandoning his own self efforts. By turning to Christ and ACKNOWLEDGING his helplessness to free himself from habitual sexual sin, he ceases striving and comes under the Lord's GRACE.

Galatians 5:17 says that the flesh strives against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh..., not the person. If the person is going to do it ("works") then the Holy Spirit isn't going to do it, the oppressed person must yield to and trust the Holy Spirit and confess such aloud.

The following scriptures can be ministered:

Psalm 55:22 - Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 57:2 - I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose, for me.

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 49:7-9 - The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

Acts 20:32 - Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Romans 5:20 - The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more...

2 Corinthians 12:9 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

1 Thessalonians 2:16 -...in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

James 4:1-5 - What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

Hebrews 12:2 - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Corinthians 1:4,8 - I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus... He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 8:37 - No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 9:33 - As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

John 10:28,29 - I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

*****2 Timothy 4:18** - THE LORD WILL RESCUE ME FROM EVERY EVIL ATTACK AND WILL BRING ME SAFELY TO HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, TO HIM BE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

*****Proverbs 10:24** - What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.

RELEASE

As part of the healing experience and the deliverance process, it is important for the person receiving this ministry to release himself/herself or others from anger, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, hate, or other sinful feelings such as self-loathing or any other feelings directed at self or others.

The following scriptures can be ministered and the believer can stand on them for spiritual support. It is important that the mind be renewed through the ministry of impartation through the laying-on-of-hands backed by intensive scripture support lest the oppressed believer become overwhelmed by a spirit of heaviness which then opens the door to infirmities.

Support scriptures are as follows:

Mark 11:26 (MV) - But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is heaven forgive your trespasses.

2 Corinthians 2:7 - Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

Luke 6:37 - “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven...”

Luke 11:4 - Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

Luke 17:4 – If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, “I repent.” forgive him.

John 20:23 - “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

REQUEST

It is important to minister the Word of God continually to any believer who has fallen into habitual sexual sin so that they can stand on God’s Word and see it work in their lives. They must hope on the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope...

Scripture has it that those who hope on the Lord will not be disappointed. Scripture also tells us that we are “to ask” in order to receive for it is the Father’s good will to give us the desires of our heart. We can stand on these scriptures:

Matthew 21:22 - If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Matthew 7:7,8 - “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

John 14:13,14 - And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7 - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 16:24 - Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

1 John 3:21,22 - Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 5:14,15 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us -

whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.

Jeremiah 39:17 - But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be handed over to those you fear.

It is an important biblical principle to understand that everything needed for the Christian faith walk must be asked for (Matt. 7:7,8), and it must be asked for in the Name of Christ Jesus (John 14:13). Scripture clearly shows us that we receive not because we ask not. Deliverance must be asked for in the Name of Christ Jesus.

REFUGE

The “refuge” scriptures provide great strength, encouragement, and deliverance to those who fear that they will not be freed from habitual sexual sin or the demonic oppression associated with it. The following confessions can be spoken aloud and stood upon until they get into the believers spirit and become a part of him, restoring confidence in his relationship with the Lord:

Faith Confession: “I am saved from my enemies, from those too strong for me and from those who hate me. He answers when I cry for help.”

Psalms 18:3,6,17,37,40 - I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. . . In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears... He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me... I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed... You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.

Faith Confession: “Jesus saves those who take refuge at His right hand, from their enemies.”

Psalms 17:7 - Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

Faith Confession: “They who trust are delivered.”

Psalms 22:4,5 - In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

Faith Confession: “I trust Him and am not put to shame and my enemies do not exalt over me.”

Psalms 25:1,2 - To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Faith Confession: “Jesus hides me in His tabernacle in the day of trouble and lifts

me upon a rock. I will not be delivered over to the desire of my enemies, false witnesses, the violent, and my head will be lifted up above my enemies.”

Psalm 27:5,6,12 - For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His Tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord... Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

Faith Confession: “I am helped when my heart trusts in Him. I am His anointed. He is my saving defense.”

Psalm 27:7,8 - Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Faith Confession: “I am rescued quickly and freed from the trap that the enemy has secretly laid for me. I am not put to shame.”

Psalm 3 1:1,2,4,17,20 - In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me... Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge... Let me not be put to shame, O Lord, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave... In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Faith Confession: “I am delivered from all of my fears and from all of my troubles. Jesus hears and responds when I call. He encamps around me. I shall not be needful of any good thing.”

Psalm 34:4,6,7,10,17,19 - I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears... This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them... The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing... The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles... A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all...

Faith Confession: “I take refuge in the Lord and I will not be condemned.”

Psalm 34:22 - The Lord his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

REBUKE

Faith Confession: “I am delivered from all trouble, and I believe you recompense the slander of my enemies and cause my eyes to look in triumph, Lord. I give thanks to

Your Name.”

Psalm 54:5,6,7 - Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them. I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from all my troubles, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

Faith Confession: “I take refuge in the Lord and I am saved and am redeemed in peace from my battle. I cast my burden upon the Lord and He sustains me. He never permits me to be shaken.”

Psalm 55:16,17,18,22 - But I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress and he hears my voice. He ransoms me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me... Cast you cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Faith Confession: “The enemy will turn back in the day when I call upon You, O Lord.”

Psalm 56:9 - Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me.

Faith Confession: “God will accomplish all things for me when I call. He will rescue me and save me. He will rebuke and reproach those who trample me.”

Psalm 57:2,3 - I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose, for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; Selah God sends his love and his faithfulness.

Jeremiah 39:17 - But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be handed over to those you fear.

Deuteronomy 33:27 - The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The believer who is suffering from demonic oppression due to habitual sexual sin must be encouraged to rebuke all negative thoughts. He must practice awareness. The Holy Spirit, through Paul, warns us in the scriptures to take every thought into captivity and to cast down every vain imagination. It is sufficient, when such thoughts occur, for the believer to simply say, “I rebuke that in Christ Jesus’ Name. I do not receive it, in Christ Jesus’ Name. I cast it down as a vain thought and imagination in Christ Jesus’ Name.” The point is that the believer should resist with some verbal declaration spoken aloud in Jesus’ Name.

2 Corinthians 10:5 - We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

A gentle, loving, but firm rebuke of the person persisting in sexual sin is also in order:

Proverbs 15:31,32 - He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

Luke 17:3 - So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

2 Timothy 4:2 - Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.

Any or all of the above scriptures may be ministered. Be mindful that rebuke should not be done in such a manner as to put condemnation upon the oppressed believer. Condemnation is not God's way. Conviction of wrong is the way of the Holy Spirit. Those who wish to bring condemnation upon an oppressed believer are of a wrong spirit.

Romans 8:1 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

RESIST

It is a command of scripture to resist Satan and, having done all, to stand. This, also, must be ministered to the oppressed believer.

James 4:7-10 - The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 5:9,10 - Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

REMIND

The person seeking deliverance from habitual sexual sin must be made to understand the need to stay close to the Lord by walking in the Spirit. This will keep him/her from doing the things of the flesh:

Galatians 5:16 - So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

He/she must remind themselves of this continually. They must remind themselves of the necessity to be convicted :

1 Peter 1:13 - Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

They must also remind themselves to set their minds on the Spirit:

Romans 8:5,6-16 - Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires...

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation - but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 13:13 - Let us behave decently, as in the day time, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

1 Corinthians 6:13 - "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food" - but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

They must remind themselves that they CAN be victorious, that they CAN do it.

Romans 14:23 - But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength. They must remind themselves to flee the occasions of sin.

1 Corinthians 6:17 - But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

They must remind themselves that to walk according to the Spirit, they must draw close or nigh to the Lord which requires fellowship with the Holy Spirit through prayer,

praise, thanksgiving, and being heavily in the Word and standing on scripture, and talking to the Lord as an intimate friend, casting their burdens upon Him.

Romans 8:7-14 - ...the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation - but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

The person seeking deliverance must not will to sin.

He/she must be reminded that if they persist in sin, be sure that they understand the gospel and that they are "born-again". If there is any question of this, then it is best to present the gospel again.

Remind the person engaging in persistent, willful, sexual sin of the consequences of practicing sin:

Hebrews 10:26,27 - If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgement and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Ephesians 5:5 - For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Revelations 22:12,14,15 - "Behold, I am coming soon. My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done...Blessed are those that have washed their robes, that they may have a right to the Tree of Life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. Have them remind themselves daily to kindle a new desire and fresh anointing upon their lives.

When the believer afflicted by sexual sin becomes discouraged, any or all of the following scriptures can be ministered:

Psalms 71:14 - But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

Psalms 121:5-8 - The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right

hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 108:12 - Give us aid against the enemy, for the help of man is worthless.

Psalm 119:28 - My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

Psalm 119:38,39 - Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

Psalm 145:14 - The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Micah 7:8 - Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.

Proverbs 24:16 - ...for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

Psalm 37:23,24 - If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his step firm; though he stumble, he will not fail, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Philippians 1:6 - ... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...

James 5:10,11 - Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.

Psalm 12:5 - "Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise", says the Lord. "I will protect them from those who malign them."

Psalm 22:4,5 - In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

1 Peter 5:10 - And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:8,9 - Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Psalm 27:3 - Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break

out against me, even then will I be confident.

Psalm 28:7 - The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

Psalm 34:17,19,22 - The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles... A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all... The Lord redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 91:15,16 - He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psalm 107:6,7,13,14,19,20,28-32 - Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle... Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains... Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave... Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalm 37:23,24 - If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 49:7-9 - No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him -- the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough -- that he should live on forever and not see decay.

Psalm 51:10-13,17 - Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart. O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 55:22 - Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 57:2 - I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose, for me.

It is imperative to remind the person in bondage to sexual sin that there is the power of the Spirit in confession of the spoken Word over their lives, for the High Priest and Lord Jesus Christ enables and empowers our confessions:

Hebrews 3:1 - Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Hebrews 3:6 - But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are His house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. (Here, in some translations, the word "confidence" or "courage" may be translated as "confession".)

Proverbs 18:21 - The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Also consider the following:

Hebrews 10:22 - ...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:35 - So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 3:1,6 - Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess... But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. And we are His house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

In addition, the sexually oppressed believer should confess the following scriptures over themselves daily:

***Luke 10:19** - I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

***2 Timothy 2:13** - If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

***2 Timothy 4:18** - The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:9 - God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ

our Lord, is faithful.

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Romans 5:20 - The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

1 Peter 5:5-7 - Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:8-11 - Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:6 - ... being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 28:13 - The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

It is also imperative to remind the oppressed believer of who he is in Christ, the **righteousness of God** in Christ through Christ Jesus. He/she must be reminded and assured of their salvation as long as his/her heart is not to sin. The following scriptures can be ministered:

Ephesians 2:8,9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

Hebrews 10:10 - And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:12 - But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 10:14 - ... because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 6:10,11 - God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope

sure.

Hebrews 12:1,2-8 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Jeremiah 17:14 - Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

2 Timothy 2:13 - ... if we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown himself.

And remind the fallen believer of the power of the Word of God to help him / her:

Hebrews 4:12 - For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

REMEDY (Summary)

The Biblical remedy for habitual sexual sins of any kind can be ministered to the believer afflicted by sexual demonic oppression in the following manner. It may be used as a CHECKLIST to monitor progress and the effectiveness of their walking in the power of the Spirit.

Twenty-one Biblical Things to do:

1. Be born-again and Spirit filled.
2. Repent – Renounce - Remit the sins to the Lord. (Jeremiah 3:8 - 14)
3. Submit to God's will for your life.
4. Draw nigh or close to the Lord:
 - Abide (commune) in Christ through heavy prayer and being under the Word.
 - Stay under the anointing.

5. Walk in the Spirit to avoid doing the things of the flesh:
 - Cease striving.
 - Trust on the Lord.
 - Seek heavy intercession from intercessory prayer warriors. The power of sexual sin (and all sin) will wane as prayer continues.
 - Pray intensely in tongues (prayer language or pray-in-the-Spirit).
6. Break generations curses.
7. Apply the Blood of Christ Jesus over oneself and others daily:
 - For protection and healing of self.
 - Apply it to your personal relationship with others involved in sexual sin. The Blood of Christ which reconciled your relationship to Christ is able to reconcile your relationship with others.
8. Renew the mind:
 - Through the Word of God.
 - Through the ministry of impartation through the laying-on-of-hands, repenting of and releasing self and others from anger, resentment, bitterness, and unforgiveness. Impart the following through the laying-on-of-hands in the Name of Christ Jesus:
 - trust
 - wisdom
 - understanding to see.
 - healing from any or all of the following:
 - defilements
 - wounded spirit
 - broken heart
 - hardened heart
 - fear
 - unbelief (evil heart)
 - reproach
 - bitterness
 - unforgiveness
 - anger
 - resentment
 - generations curses
 - humiliation
 - embarrassment
 - loss of self-esteem
 - traumatic memories

- And encourage the person to read Psalms 70,84,86, and particularly Psalm 105 daily or as needed. The healing by the laying-on-of-hands, of the above, in order to renew the mind should be spoken aloud.
9. Pick up the shield of faith and stand on faith which:
 - stops every attack of the enemy.
 - activate the anointing which, in turn, breaks the yoke or bondage. (2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 6:16, Isaiah 10:27)
 10. Break all unholy soul-ties:
 - Between the afflicted believer and any sexual partners.
 - Between the afflicted believer and ancestral sins.
 - Between the believer and the generations curses.
 - Between the believer and his own sins or sexual practices.
 11. Draw upon grace. Receive grace and walk in grace - not in self-effort.
 12. Avoid the occasions and locations of sin.
 13. Remove cursed objects from the house. Be led by discernment.
 14. Release self (and others) from guilt and self-condemnation. It is not God's way. God's way is gentle conviction and correction (exhortation).
 15. "Ask" to receive:
 - Luke 11:9,10
 - James 4:3 - Do not ask amiss because you want to get rid of a sin so that you can get demonic spirits "off of your back" to get on with your own agenda. Ask with Godly sorrow for grieving the Spirit so as to walk a faith walk that will glorify the Lord.
 16. Contend with the world. (1 Peter 2:11; James 4:4):
 - Avoid those things which promote lust, unholy thoughts, risk or perverted behavior or any programs or activities which your spirit witnesses as being unholy.
 - magazines
 - television
 - movies
 - As long as you are being fed a steady diet of media garbage, you will not be free and you will be "bitten" by a "serpent".
 - Avoid unholy friendships
 - Avoid drugs or drinking, anything that impairs the mental capacities.
 - Avoid pornography in all forms.
 17. Contend with the "flesh" (carnal mind or sin- nature): 1 Corinthians 6:17
 - Avoid the occasions of sin or temptations.
 - Locations

- bars
- bath-houses
- pornography parlors
- public showers - if such are a stumbling block to the person.
- unholy people who influence adversely. Pray for them.
- compromising circumstances or locations with the person with whom sexual sin is being committed, if any.

18. Contend with the Devil - do four things:

- Get rid of cursed objects.
- BREAK GENERATIONS CURSES.
- DELIVERANCE OR SELF-DELIVERANCE - Bind, loose and cast out in the Name of Christ Jesus.
- Resist the Devil.

19. Pray in tongues as much as possible. Jude 1:17-20

20. Confess the Word of God aloud over your circumstances - using select scriptures as led by the Holy Spirit.

21. Having done all - stand and resist :

James 5:8 - You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

1 Peter 5:12 - With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

1 Peter 5:8,9 - Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Proverbs 10:24 - What the wicked man dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.

Seven Ministry Requirements Necessary for the Christian Believer to Minister to the Person in Bondage to Sexual Sin:

1. Begin with thanksgiving and praise and seek God's face in the matter (petition).
2. Prayerfulness.
3. Both the person ministering and the person receiving ministry must pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit for guidance and leading.

4. Minister in love.
5. Depend on discernment (word of knowledge) from the Holy Spirit.
6. Minister trust. Guard the confidentiality of the person receiving ministry.
7. Minister without judgement or condemnation.

Special Comments Regarding Sexual Abuse, Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Ritual Sexual Abuse (Witchcraft and Satanism), Race, Incest, Other Sexual Perversions and Fornications:

The believer who ministers deliverance to people who are the victims of these sexual sins, or are in bondage to them, must recognize Satan's purpose in carrying out his plan for their lives:

- Demonic transfer.
- To create bondage.
- To create soul-ties to the sin or to other persons.
- To create generations curses - of the same or similar sins.
- Defilement. * Be aware that these defilements can lead the afflicted person into witchcraft.

Determine if they have been dabbling in the occult or practicing occult sciences or New Age activities.

As healing and deliverance progress or is completed, minister to them that they must determine not to live in past memories.

Search for the origins and deal with them: ancestral or family involvements in the occult or witchcraft, generations curses, previous seductions or sexual explorations, interest in perversions, etc.

Understand that common to almost all of these sexual oppressions is the problem of loneliness. Many of these believers come from dysfunctional families.

Loving confrontation is necessary to bring these people to a point where they can recognize that they need love and understanding, and that the Lord Jesus Christ can provide it for them.

Note that these people have a common features profile of:

- loneliness.
- dysfunctional families or family members.
- desire for acceptance, power, or control.

- frequent history of hereditary witchcraft in the family line.
- many are highly educated individuals.

Encourage them to let go of the past, not to live in the future, but to live day by day in Christ.

There must be follow-up support and care giving as follows:

- Provide loving Christian relationships and people to support the afflicted person both emotionally and spiritually on a one-to-one basis.
- They must get into a spiritual community, into prayer, and into reading the Word to stay under the anointing.
- Material provision where needed.
- Financial provision where indicated.

In all of the above, the local churches attitude must be “CAN DO”. We are commanded by scripture to bear one another’s burdens and to provide for the needs of others to the degree that it is possible within our means.

Open Remarks to the Believer Caught up in Bondage to Sexual Sins:

My dear brother or sister in Christ:

The Lord Jesus Christ is both willing and able to totally free you from the bondage of habitual sexual sin. Victory comes from being born-again and Spirit-filled.

It is necessary to humble oneself and repent. Self- forgiveness is also God’s way.

If you seek victory over sexual sin, and over all sin for that matter, you will have it by trusting faith in Christ Jesus, just as you received salvation, since the word “salvation” also means “healing” and “deliverance.”

Admit your wrong. God calls us to accountability. Humble yourself first. Reach out to the Lord Jesus Christ. Trust on Him. Receive the anointing.

Recognize that much of what has happened to you is Satan’s plan for your life and some of it is probably hereditary through generations curses. In Christ there is no condemnation.

Know that there is a difference between repenting of personal sin or ancestral sin for your personal agenda of being free, rather than with Godly sorrow for what those sins did to grieve the Holy Spirit. When the latter is understood and the Holy Spirit put first in your life, freedom comes.

Walk in the Spirit by drawing close to the Lord Jesus Christ, through prayer, through His Word, through personal fellowship with Him, through praise and thanksgiving and worship.

Keep in mind that you cannot save yourself from sexual sin or any sin for that matter. In Matthew 19:25,26 the apostles asked Jesus, "Who can be saved?" Saved from what? Damnation. It is sin that brings damnation.

So one can just as easily ask, then, "Who can be saved from sexual sin?" And herein lies the answer of victory for your problem. Jesus replied, "WTTTH MAN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE but with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

In other words, JESUS MUST DO IT. HE must save your soul. HE must save you from damnation. HE must save you from sexual sin. HE must deliver you.

Your part is to approach the Lord in humility with Godly sorrow and accept salvation, healing, and deliverance BY GRACE THROUGH TRUSTING FAITH in Him. Humility and repentance are the preliminary requirements.

Your faith will kindle "the anointing" when you draw on His Grace by transferring your trust from your own self efforts to solve your own problem over to Him to solve the problem for you. You must rest (trust) by faith in Him. By doing so, you will kindle the anointing and the anointing will break the bondage.

Do not fear. If you fall again, get up, repent, renounce and remit the sin over to the Lord and again stand on faith, trust and hope on the Lord's steadfastness and faithfulness. Keep doing it as often as you have to until your confidence is built up by grace through faith and YOU WILL SEE VICTORY.

Jesus Christ is for you not against you. You do not need to live in past memories. After repentance, God has erased the memories of your sins from His Book. You erase them from yours. Do not be like Lot's wife who looked back on what had already become yesterday. There is no future in yesterday. There was none for her, and in yesterdays, there is none for you. Lot's wife looked back and it caused her to become a paralyzed and immobilized lifeless pillar of salt. It stopped her dead in her tracks and stole her life from her. This was a consequence of her disobedience.

Don't you be disobedient to the Lord. Don't you look back for the purpose of living in the past. Don't you let unhappy and traumatic memories steal your life and paralyze you.

God has a great future for you (Jeremiah 29:11) and it begins with today. Yield to the Lord Jesus Christ and receive his healing and deliverance by grace. Hope on it. Anticipate it. Don't worry about tomorrows because tomorrows have no future without today. Have you confessed your past sins? Then let go of them and let go of the past. Jesus has forgotten them. You forget them too.

If the Lord Jesus Christ, in His perfection has forgiven you and forgotten your sins already, having repented of them, ARE YOU IN YOUR IMPERFECTION UNABLE TO FORGIVE YOURSELF AND FORGET YOUR SINFUL PAST? Are you greater than HE? If He must do it out of His righteousness because He cannot deny Himself, then you must do it out of the righteousness which He has imputed to you through being born-again in Him.

Dear friend, the scripture says that where there is Christ, there is liberty. The Bible says that the one whom the Son sets free is indeed free.

You CAN be totally free and receive complete deliverance from all sexual sin or habitual sin of any kind by drawing close to the Lord Jesus Christ, by doing the things of the Spirit, drawing upon His grace and calling the anointing down upon your life and life circumstances through faith in Him. Then, applying the authority delegated to all believers using the Name of Christ Jesus in the deliverance prayer of binding and loosing, you will be set free.

Do not believe anything otherwise. Do not receive Satan's lies. Stand and resist and the Lord Jesus Christ WILL MAKE IT COME TO PASS.

Concluding Remarks

There are many aspect to the origins of the demonic stronghold of sexual sin in the life of the believer. The leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit in determining the appropriate steps in ministry to the oppressed believer is first and foremost prime concern through prayerfulness and discernment (word of knowledge).

The demonic stronghold to be torn down may have formed through personal sexual sin, ancestral sexual sins with consequent generations curses, soul-ties to others, cross-over generations curses of generations curses of sexual sin from the spouse's family lines (2 Kings 8:16-18), generational soul-ties, soul- ties with participants in sexual sin, involvement in witchcraft and the occult sciences, and "opening doors" to sin through investment in carnal interests. All must be explored and dealt with, along with all other things directed by the Holy Spirit.

All the basic principles described in this book are applicable to ministry for all habitual sin of any kind including drug addiction (spirit of addiction, spirit of witchcraft) or any other sins requiring deliverance, habitual or not. The biblical principles to be applied are always the same. God does not differentiate between sins, regarding one sin as being more serious than other. To Him, sin is sin and He treats it all the same. So should we.

Do not be preoccupied with casting out demonic spirits one-by-one from the stronghold. Bind them, break their power, isolate them, binding Satan and the strongman or ruler spirit first. Go for the ruler spirit first. Cast him out first. That is usually sufficient to make the entire stronghold fall. Always "hammer" at the ruler spirit, binding the strongmen who enable him through the three-fold cord or multiple

cords and break those cords in Jesus' Name. Always infill the person with ministering angels of the Lord Christ Jesus (spirit of countenance, spirit of temperance, spirit of a sound mind, spirit of love, spirit of power, etc.) to keep the person's "house" from being empty. Demonic spirits return when the house is empty. Remember, go for the ruler spirit. Perform the deliverance as described in my book on deliverance. Follow-up care is necessary.

Backsliding will be evident if the believer who has fallen again into sexual sin shows a re-established interest or re-established behavior. It will start coming more frequently. There will be an associated decrease in prayer life, Christian fellowship and Bible reading, as the demonic spirits move the individual away from community. Begin taking authority again in the Name of Christ Jesus and bind and loose. Call the anointing down upon the individual. Begin intercessory prayer.

If the person has fallen a single time, it is imperative to prevent the demonic stronghold from re-forming. The following steps can be taken:

- Quick repentance prostrate (face-down).
- Frequent and repetitive self-deliverance or deliverance sessions by others as often as needed.
- Draw upon the Lord's grace and deliver over to Him the problem and ask Him to put it to death on the Cross, including all current sins. Deal with the flesh.
- The afflicted person must guard his thought life.
- The afflicted person must guard his ear and eye gates, particularly when:
 - in bookstores
 - changing television channels
 - among carnal people or unbelievers
 - watching movies
 - reading books, magazines, or journals or newspapers
- He/she must stay away from seductive situations or experiences which may arouse interest in sexual sin.
- They must be given assurance and reassurance that they receive permanent deliverance and Christian victory in Christ and that this will come through their faithfulness in repentance. If your heart is right, deliverance will come!

Additional Resources

Please be sure to work through all the books in the *“Healing The Sexually Broken-Hearted”* series:

- BOOK 1 is now J2F Book 8 (be sure to work through this book first)
- BOOK 2: Dealing With Sexual Addictions
- BOOK 3: Restoring Sexual Identity: I Am A Man!
- Sodomy And Sexual Abuse
- Harlotry And Idolatry
- Spiritual Warfare For Sexual Sin
- Restoring Your Sexuality
- Sexuality, Ages 13-18
- “Healing The Sexually Broken Hearted” DVD Series

As well as our foundational series, *“Journey2Freedom”*:

- J2F1 Man’s Purpose And The Gifts Of The Spirit
- J2F2 Generational Blessings
- J2F3 Blessings And Curses Over Motherhood
- J2F4 Water/Spirit Baptism
- J2F5 Spying Out The Land
- J2F6 Dealing With The Giants
- J2F7 Uprooting Generational Heart-Attitudes And Roots
- J2F8 Childhood Pain, The Brain, And Arrested Development ... How Do We HEAL And Come To MATURITY?
- J2F9 Mother-Bonds, Deception, And The False Prophetic

As well as our follow-on series, *“Journey2Wholeness”*, which covers:

- Healing from the curse of illegitimacy and shame.
- Understanding the mind-body-emotions connection.
- Dating, courtship, sexuality, and GOD’s Plan for marriage.
- Trauma, childhood, and arrested development.
- Understanding the conscious and subconscious mind, and mind renewal ... healing from un-Godly lies/beliefs from childhood (Life Commandments).
- As well as understanding/dealing with anger, forgiveness, and grief.

Priestly Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

“Y’varekh’kha YHVH v’yishmerekha.

May YHVH bless you and keep you.

Ya’er YHVH panav eleikha vichunekka.

May YHVH make His Face shine on you and show you His favour.

Yissa YHVH panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom.

May YHVH lift up His Face toward you and give you peace.

In this way they are to put My Name on the people of Israel, so that I will bless them.

