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Intro: We studied this book (*Male & Female He Created Them: A Study On Gender, Sexuality, & Marriage*) & I want to do a summary sermon on it, so here it is. We are studying this because we live in a very wicked culture.

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1. Creation's Warrant

a. God created us male and female – and there are no other genders: Genesis 1:27: God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male & female he created them

b. God created marriage, & He created it to be between one man & one woman: Matthew 19:3-9: & Pharisees came up to him & tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male & female,⁵ & said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father & his mother & hold fast to his wife, & they shall become one flesh'?⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?"⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."⁹ & I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, & marries another, commits adultery."

Book: Human sexuality and marriage are all original and natural to God's creation in the beginning. Therefore, the constant attack on sexuality and marriage that we are witnessing today is an attack on God's plan and will for humanity. Moreover, God created us male and female to bear His image apart from all creation. The attempt to redefine sexuality and marriage proceeds on the faulty assumption that God is not deeply invested in these elements that are native to the creation order. To attack these is to attack the very fabric of the natural order, creation. The enemy wants nothing more than to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10), and what better target is there than the very institution of marriage and family, the incubator of humanity and God's image-bearers, and structural support of this institution in sexuality. What is more, where marriage is at stake, the gospel is at stake because God chose marriage to be the picture that would communicate Christ's love for His church (Eph. 5:31–32). We shouldn't be surprised when those who are opposed to God are opposed to God's prized institutions.

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2. Creation's Order

Ephesians 5:22-33: Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ,

so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church & gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father & mother & hold fast to his wife, & the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, & I am saying that it refers to Christ & the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, & let the wife see that she respects her husband.

What are God's purposes for marriage: Procreation; Help; Friendship; Purity; Christ and the Church!

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3. Sin's Disorder

a. Homosexual/Lesbian relationships & acts are sinful & unnatural: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ & such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **GOSPEL!**

Romans 1:21-27: For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, & their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ & exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man & birds & animals & reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie & worshiped & served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ & the men likewise gave up natural relations with women & were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men & receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

b. How do so called "Christians" argue that the Bible is OK with/supports homosexual sexual immorality?

1) Jesus never said anything about homosexuality: a) Jesus, the Son of God & second Person of the Trinity, inspired the whole Bible. So He did speak directly, clearly, and forcefully about homosexuality.

b) Jesus spoke of what marriage should be in places like Matthew 19.

c) Jesus forbids all sexual immorality: **Matthew 15:19-20:** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person.

- **James Edwards:** [porneia] can be found in Greek literature with reference to a variety of illicit sexual practices, including adultery, fornication, prostitution, and homosexuality. In the Old Testament it occurs for any sexual practice outside marriage between a man and a woman that is prohibited by the Torah.

- **Kevin DeYoung:** Jesus didn't have to give a special sermon on homosexuality because all of his listeners understood that same-sex behavior was prohibited in the Pentateuch and reckoned as one of the many expressions of sexual sin (porneia) off limits for the Jews.

2) When the Bible condemns homosexuality, it's only condemning immoral homosexuality, not faithful, monogamous marriage between men & men and women & women: a) The Bible no where teaches that faithful, monogamous marriage between men & men and between women & women exists.

b) The Bible not only condemns bad kinds of homosexual practice; it condemns all homosexual practice as bad.

- **Leviticus 18:22:** You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

- **Romans 1:26-27:** For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; & the men likewise gave up natural relations with women & were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men & receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Louis Crompton: Nowhere does Paul or any other Jewish writer of this period imply the least acceptance of same-sex relations under any circumstances. The idea that homosexuals might be redeemed by mutual devotion would have been wholly foreign to Paul or any Jew or early Christian.

c. We should speak the truth in love: Ephesians 4:15: Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

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4. Temptation, Desire, And Orientation

a. What if you do not commit sexual sins in your actions, but only desire those sins in your heart/mind? Is it sinful to have those desires?

- **Exodus 20:14:** You shall not commit adultery.

- **Exodus 20:17:** You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

- **Matthew 5:27-28:** You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

b. How do you know the difference between a sinful sexual desire and a non-sinful one?

1) Some wrongly believe it has to do with your conscious choice to have the desire. If you choose to have this desire, then it is sinful. But desires that you have that are spontaneous and unchosen are not sinful in this view.

2) Others wrongly believe it has to do with the intensity of the desire. If you strongly desire something God forbids in this sexual area of life, then it is sinful. But if your desire is weak, then it's not sinful.

3) **Book:** Jesus teaches that it is the object of the desire that determines the moral character of the desire.

c. If the root of sexual sin is in the heart, what does that tell us about repentance? If sexual sin is first of all a matter of the heart, then why does Jesus tell disciples to cut off their hand or gouge out their eye in order to avoid sexual sin? Repentance is a change of heart – a turning from sin in the heart, mind, will, and desires. Jesus commands the cutting off of the hand and eye so that we will take extreme measures to help our hearts, minds, wills, and desires pursue righteousness!

d. What about temptation? Does this mean that my experience of sexual temptation is sinful? Book:

Temptation is a trial & an enticement. The trial of temptation consists of some hardship, suffering, or deprivation. The enticement of temptation consists in the allure to relieve that hardship, suffering, or deprivation through sinful means. When the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, both components of temptation were present.

- **Hebrews 4:15:** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

e. How is our experience of temptation different from Jesus' experience? Jesus never gave in to temptation – Jesus never sinned. And Jesus was never tempted by sinful desires because He had none! He had no sinful flesh

dwelling in Him like we do!

James 1:14-15: But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Book: As the sinless Son of God, Jesus never had a sinful desire. Thus, He was never tempted by His own sinful desire, for He never had such desire for evil. The same is not the case with us. When we are enticed by our own sinful desires to do evil, the temptation itself is sinful. Is temptation sinful? Not necessarily, but it can be. Jesus' temptations were wholly external to His nature and desires. Thus, they were not sinful. When we experience temptation from the outside, like Jesus did, the temptation involves no sin on our part. But when our temptations emerge from our own sinful nature and desire, the temptation itself is sinful and is an occasion for repentance.

f. So what about the excuses for sin: "I was born this way!" or "I'm homosexual because it's my orientation!": We are all born this way – sinners. We all have sinful orientations that we must repent of. What other so called "orientations" are sinful? Adulterous orientation; Sex outside of marriage orientation; Stealing orientation; Lying orientation; Murder orientation; Sinful Anger orientation, etc. (Deny self; follow Christ!)

g. Should Christians attend same-sex weddings; put the gay flag on their desk; wear the gay flag?
No, we cannot promote, support, encourage, or bless what God forbids.

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5. Transgenderism

Deuteronomy 22:5: A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Book: Transgender is a catch-all term that refers to the many ways that people might perceive their gender identity to be out of sync with their biological sex.

a. What makes male and female different? Is it a biological thing, a self-concept, or something else altogether? (**Biology; Bodies; Bible**)

1) Biology: Cells are the basic building blocks of all living things. The human body is composed of trillions of cells. They provide structure for the body, take in nutrients from food, convert those nutrients into energy, and carry out specialized functions. In the nucleus of each cell, the DNA molecule is packaged into thread-like structures called chromosomes. Each chromosome is made up of DNA tightly coiled many times around proteins called histones that support its structure.

- What is DNA? DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms. Nearly every cell in a person's body has the same DNA.

- What is the nucleus? The nucleus is found in the middle of the cells, and it contains DNA arranged in chromosomes.

- In humans, each cell normally contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, for a total of 46. Twenty-two of these pairs, called autosomes, look the same in both males and females. The 23rd pair, the sex chromosomes, differ between males and females. Females have two copies of the X chromosome (XX), while males have one X and one Y chromosome. (XY)

2) Bodies: Men and women have different reproductive organs. Women have a uterus, men don't. Women can get pregnant and have babies, men cannot. (Testosterone vs. Estrogen)

Medical article: The differences between the sexes in body composition are well known: males typically have proportionately more muscle mass, more bone mass, and a lower percentage of body fat than women.

3) **Bible: Genesis 1:27-28:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male & female he created them. ²⁸ & God blessed them. & God said to them, "Be fruitful & multiply & fill the earth . . ."

b. Should Christians use preferred pronouns?

No, we must tell people the truth in love. We cannot lie to people about who they truly are according to God.

- **Ephesians 4:15:** speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ
- **Ephesians 5:11:** Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
- **1 Corinthians 13:6:** [Love] does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- **Proverbs 27:6:** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

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6. Intersex

a. What is intersex? Article: Babies that are born with both male and female sexual organs, or characteristics of both organs, are called hermaphrodites or intersex. A child who is in an intersexual state is classified in one of three categories: 1) true intersex – an infant born with both ovaries and testicles and has both male and female sex organs. 2) female intersex – a genetic female with male external sex organs. 3) male intersex – a genetic male with external sex organs that fail to develop properly, resulting in female or male/female physical characteristics.

- **How many babies are born this way?** 0.018% are born intersex; 1 in every 2,000 are born intersex

b. How does the LGBTQIA religion wrongly use Jesus to promote their false transgenderism ideas?

Matthew 19:11-12: But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.

¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, & there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, & there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

c. How should Bible believing Christians respond? Intersex is a deformity of the human body like all the other diseases & deformities people are born with (no arms, no legs) b/c we live in a fallen world. It is not a third gender.

Romans 8:20-23: For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

d. What should we say to Christians who were born with an intersex body?

- 1) Remind them that they are made in God's image
- 2) Agree with God that His creation of male and female is not just good, but very good.
- 3) Let God's revelation shine its full light on their situation (Y chromosome carriers should be treated as male)
- 4) The church is their family – they have children through evangelism and discipleship
- 5) Remind them of who they are in Christ
- 6) Remind them that their bodies will be redeemed & glorified someday

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7. Identity And Sanctification

a. Who are you? You are fearfully & wonderfully made in God's image: Psalm 139:13-16: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was

being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

b. In Christ, you are, more and more, being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ, the perfect Man:

- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11:** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- **2 Corinthians 5:17:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- **Romans 8:29:** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son

Colossians 3:9-10: Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ & have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

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8. Sexual Sin And The Gospel

1 Timothy 1:12-16: I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Luke 18:9-14: He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Jesus is the perfect Man (**David Mathis:** Head, Husband, Teacher, Warrior, Rescuer); He never sinned sexually in thought, word, deed, or feeling. He never married. But He died and rose again to win for Himself a bride, the church, whom He will come back for and marry! Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly!

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In His Image Don't Degrade
To Worldly Standard's They've Betrayed
And Turned From God To Whom We've Prayed
One Man, One Woman Marriage Stayed
Sexual Perversion Slayed
LGBTQ Will Fade
Cast Into Hell Where Debts Are Paid

But Now There's Hope For All Who've Strayed
Repent And Trust In Christ Our Aid
He Died And Rose – What Love Portrayed
All Our Debts From Hell He Paid
We Are Washed And Cleansed Remade
All Because Our Christ Obeyed
And Now His Spirit Will Invade
So We Trust Him, Be Not Afraid
For Christ Is All Our Hope And Stay!