

# **Christ's Kingdom coming through Healing and Deliverance.**

## **Using Sexuality to explain the Principles**

Human sexuality is powerful because it reflects the heart and character of God, in whose image we are made. He is love, He is Creator and He is a God of Covenant. These three characteristics are at the heart of human sexuality, the physical act of which is given exclusively as the sign and expression of love between husband and wife. It is also given to create, not only babies, but also strong bonding in marriage, and finally, it's given as the sign of Covenant between husband and wife. Reflecting God's heart, human sexuality is core to who we are. It flows from our spirit, the place where God's image is so powerfully recreated in our inner being. Indeed human sexuality is an out working of our spirituality. We use the same language to express both: We love, we adore, we express passion, we yearn to know our beloved more intimately, we are prepared to give our lives, to make sacrifice to show the depth of our love and we delight in the pleasure of communion. Devotion to our spouse or the one we pursue uses the same language as true worship of God, expresses similar depths and height of love and passion, and finds completion in covenant.

## **How Satan Defiles the Human Spirit**

Is it any wonder then, that the enemy seeks to corrupt human sexuality? In so doing, he strikes at God's very image in His creation. Hating God, he hates the most powerful reflection of God in His people. Thus he attacks our sexuality, pouring out filth, deviations and all manner of empty excitements which temporarily thrill, but which actually erode the human heart, setting it in an opposite direction to God's love, which thus desensitizes the heart for true worship. Striking at the human soul in this way he mars the very centre of our being, leaving us with false understandings as to who we are, and desperately pursuing the communion we have forfeited with God, through frantic sexual encounter. False understandings lead many to define themselves through their sexuality. Thus, homosexuals are often proud to call themselves 'gay' and form themselves into communities around their sexuality. Often the promiscuous male defines himself by the number of conquests he has had, and has an image of himself as being a 'stud'. Women, desperate to be acknowledged as beautiful, desirable and worthy, often readily give themselves to men in the pursuit of their longing. Teens often experiment sexually to confirm that they are adequate as male or female. Though neither sex, nor relationship with any other human being can entirely satisfy the human soul, which was made to delight in God, Satan's deceit often blinds humans to relentlessly pursue completion through others sexually, by idolizing them, abandoning themselves to them, and compromising themselves with them.

Undermining the soul's integrity in this way he turns people away from their Creator. Thus healing in the area of sexuality is essentially a spiritual matter. Unless we address the deepest pain and false persuasions which have attacked our spirit, the core of our being, distorting God's image in us, the healing process will be frustrated.

## **The Basis for the Ministry of Healing**

The reason why Jesus, the Son of God came, was to destroy the devil's works. He indeed has taken the stripes for our transgressions. Certainly He has carried our griefs, sorrows and shame. He heals the broken hearted and sets captives free! His work on the Cross is all sufficient to sanctify us, that is to heal and deliver us.

The ministry of healing, through prayer and faith, releases God's grace for wholeness into the marvelous complexity of the body, soul and spirit. Because we have conformed our thinking to the world's ways, and have learned and reinforced wrong behaviours, healing and renewal of the mind comes through instruction and right belief in God's Word. Because people's hurts and offenses have left deep impressions in our hearts, emotional healing is necessary through prayer and Godly counsel. Because trauma, from abuse etc, and deeply entrenched behaviour patterns over time, can off set the balance of body chemistry, prayer for physical healing is often warranted. Because much of our sinful behaviour becomes addictive, recovery and support groups, in which accountability and prayer are offered, are essential in an ongoing manner to the healing process. Through all these graces God releases gifts of healing into the physical, emotional and psychological areas of our lives to sanctify His children.

### **Why Deliverance?**

Deliverance, which sets our spirit free, on the other hand requires repentance. It targets the authority which satan has usurped in our lives through the sin we have committed and the curses which have come against us through our relationships and life circumstances.

Focussing on the area of sexual sin, consider these entry points of evil, which can bind humans into broken mindsets and impotency, in changing destructive behaviour patterns.

### **Idolatry**

In the Old Testament, God's people, Israel strayed from worshipping God alone, to worshipping the gods of the nations. Two of the most powerful counterfeit gods were Baal and Ashteroth, the Canaanite god and goddess of fertility. Huge totem poles were erected on the hills surrounding the towns so that from morning's first light, till evening's last rays, Baal's phallic shadow and Asheroth's many breasted silhouette were cast across them. Such idolatry rendered God's people disobedient and vulnerable to their enemy's destruction. Some Judaic Kings even erected such idols in the Temple, creating an abomination before God. As the devil has flooded our Western world with pornography, similar shadows are cast across our hearts, churches and society. Idols are erected in our bodies, the temples of the Holy Spirit. Idolatry is nurtured in the young as the music, film, sport and entertainment industries exploit them to extract money. The adult human heart, readily susceptible to idolatry, continues to enshrine idols which tend to become darker and more oppressive. Ogling people as sexual objects, perverted forms of achieving orgasmic highs, worshipping others as divine, or god-like, all serve to establish idols in the heart which mitigate against a pure worship of God. Pornography not only imprints echoing erotic images in our brains, it provides perverted images for fantasies in the human spirit, dulling the very place in which the Holy Spirit releases dreams and visions, prophetic words and God's intimate utterances to us.

### **Fornication and Adultery**

Sex outside marriage binds us, not only to people we may have slept with, but also to a series of unknown others with whom they have slept. God gave the gift of sexual love to bind husband and wife together as one. Even if we sleep with a prostitute, who we do not know, and certainly do not love, 1 Cor 6 teaches that we are bound

as one flesh to them. According to the bonding we lose a part of ourself to them, and we receive into ourselves an essence of their soul, and various essences of the others with whom they've become one. Such binding occurs in the core of our being, our spirit, releasing all manner of darkness into us, and surrendering parts of the integrity of our soul to the others to whom we have given ourselves.

### **Generational Sin**

Further, our souls may not be afflicted by the effect of our sin only, but we may be reaping the effect of sins and curses from previous generations as they are visited on us through the power of inheritance. Sometimes sexual persuasions, or darkness in our souls are the weeds whose seeds have been sewn by our ancestors. Where our spirits and souls are afflicted in these ways, the types of healing mentioned above will be insufficient. Deliverance ministry is needed to give release to the healing process.

### **The Principles of Deliverance**

The ministry of deliverance requires prayer with a faithful, gifted Christian who has confessed and repented of all known sin. It requires at least two to agree together and to draw on Jesus' finished work and victory over sin, death and satan on the Cross and by His resurrection.

Deliverance commences with submission to God, repentance of sin, a fresh confession of the power of the Name and Blood of Jesus, and a request for cleansing and freedom for our soul and spirit. It then requires a thorough confession of sin, a renouncing of its power and appeal to us, of the aspects of our lifestyle which have enabled it, a request for grace and a clear commitment to changing habitual patterns which foster it. The next phase of deliverance is to discern and renounce the idols which we have enthroned in our hearts, to break the soul ties which have bound us to the sin of others. We name and bring to the Cross, where Jesus died, not only for our sin, but for that of the whole world, the sins of our past generations. As we press these into the Cross we pray for the cleansing of His Blood.

By the authority Jesus has granted us to bind and loose, the prayer minister binds the power of evil which satan has perpetrated from the lower heavens, to shackle the spirit in the afore mentioned ways. If specific demonic presence seems to have gripped the person's soul, this is bound and cast out by the Name and Blood of Jesus Christ. Then he/she looses the freedom which Jesus' death secured, held as spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, into the heart and soul of the one being delivered, to bring freedom!

Such spiritual truths and principles which God has established in creation, where broken or countered, can only be reversed and brought into conformity with His ways through spiritual means, which is essentially what the ministry of deliverance achieves. It then works with the ministry of healing to restore the other parts of the soul. Praise be to God who has provided for us such a great ministry of freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ!