

## ***Practical Questions about the Outcome of Fornication***

Now some may ask this question: *'If fornication is taking place between a boy and a girl, is it good to put them in marriage?'* Let us read what the Scriptures speak about that:

**A. “28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.” (Deuteronomy 22:28-29 KJV)** The essence of this Scripture is to teach us that the man, who slept with a girl, will be held accountable for what he did. He is called to marry the girl, based on the principle that he cannot have sex without the responsibility of marrying the girl, that is why here the man will be forced to pay the dowry to her father which was fifty shekels of silver (around 2000 USD value today) and then he will marry her. As well as, to marry her is a way for him to be disciplined and put him under the responsibility of having a wife and family.

But there is still a precaution in this matter also. Now here if we are going to approve such marriages we are giving approval for immorality to take place, we are giving approval for marriages based on fornication, and we are allowing marriages to occur even if the boy or the girl is not ready for marriage.

As well as, if we are going to approve such marriages, then fornication will be used as a way to force the parents and force the church to agree about marriages that are not ordained by God. Based on all that, it will be preferable that we can use **Exodus 22:16-17**, in dealing with the cases of fornication.

**B. “16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. 17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.” (Exodus 22:16-17 KJV)** Here, the father's right to refuse the marriage the church will adopt it, so that with this stand we are preventing immorality to enter the church in preventing marriages based on fornication. In this way, we are closing the door in front of the devil to put and corporate fornication as part of God's church. Here the man still needed to pay the dowry to her father which was fifty shekels of silver (around 2000 USD value today) even he was not going to marry her. The policy of disapproving such marriages (except if the girl is pregnant) will put those who do such under God's discipline. Such a stand will put out fornication from the midst of God's church and our families. Based on that the boy and the girl will be separated from one another, will not be allowed to meet, will be disciplined, and trained to follow God. Those who will refuse to comply with these measures will be expelled from the church, or you will find them leaving the church.

**C. “34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. 36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.” (1 Corinthians**

**7:34-36 KJV)** Apostle Paul in his writing to the church about the issue of marriage he addressed women in two categories; either a wife or a virgin. **So the option of marriage that the church should get involved with does not speak about that the church should get involved and approve marriages for those who are doing fornication. Therefore, in those cases of fornication, the church should disapprove their marriages because they are not the standard of God and are contrary to what God had ordained.**

*'Why, that what is done in devil's side and darkness the church should condone it and defile itself by it?'* By no means that such things the church of Jesus should keep within its premises. Paul even recommended to the Corinthians to put the fornicators out from them, **“9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.” (1 Corinthians 5:9-13 KJV)**

Now some may ask this question: *'Now if the church is not going to approve marriage because it was preceded with fornication. Then, how about if the girl is pregnant then what is the decision of the church?'* Now, if there is a pregnancy, the Scriptures inform us of two situations of pregnancy that had taken place without marriage. The first one is the pregnancy of Tamar by Judah, her father in law: **“11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. 12 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. 14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? 18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. 21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. 22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. 23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her. 24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25 When she was**

brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, *By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.* 26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, *She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.* 27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, *This came out first.* 29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, *How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.* 30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.” (Genesis 38:11-30 KJV) In this incident after the sin was exposed, the sexual relationship ceased between Judah and Tamar, and the born children were in the family of Judah. This same incident is also mentioned in the New Testament: “3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram.” (Matthew 1:3 KJV)

The second incident is the adultery that David committed with Bathsheba: “1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. 2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.” (2 Samuel 11:1-5 KJV) David worked it out to put the husband of that woman to death, then he married her and the child was born in his family, “26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.” (2 Samuel 11:26-27 KJV)

\* What we can conclude from the above stories that the child needs to be within a family. It is recommended that the man should marry the pregnant woman, so the child will be put within a family. \* Now the other aspect of it, that the church should keep holiness, and should work it out those marriages will not infect the church and influence others to do the same immorality. If the boy and the girl who did that are part of God's church, being born again Christians, had been water baptized and or are workers, the church should advise them to get marry as civil marriage and to expel them; to expel the man and the woman involved, so others will take heed and will not do the same. That should be done if both of them are single and are not married or have child or children from other relationships. \* But if they have children previous to that and their previous partners are still alive then no more marriage possible between them but to be treated and considered as single parents.

**My Dear and Beloved:** Every case has its own merit. That is why we ask you to refer those cases to us, to the office of the overseer and the church council to study each case and decide about it based on the Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit to the best interest of each one involved; the man and the woman, the child or the children and the Church of God.

Consider the message seriously in your life especially if you are involved in fornication, to fear God, and be warned because you may get pregnant, or got a child, and you are not ready for marriage and you and your child will be in trouble.

Consider the message seriously and the troubles that your fornication will cause to the church and the ministry that you are in. Consider the bad testimony and those who will stumble and fall in sin because of your bad example.

Come now to God in repentance considering turning away from fornication and willing to set yourself free and be clean from such a sin, and to be good example to others. **Let us pray ...**

**My Prayer:** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your teaching and thank you for all the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins especially the sin of fornication and having children without marriage. Confess and renounce your bad example and your bad testimony to others. Confess and renounce your worldliness, the lust of your eyes and your love for worldly things. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in your life. Confess and renounce your lack of prayers and reading of God's Word. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers and your bondage to the Media. Confess and renounce your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to refrain from fornication, and to follow your will and your good plan for me in pertain to what we learned in this message and to apply that in my life and to set a good example to others to follow your ways in their lives. Lord give me self-control to avoid temptation and give me patience and perseverance to wait upon you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sin of fornication and humbled themselves and are willing to follow your will and the teaching that we received in this message. Lord give them more fruit of the Holy Spirit especially patient and self-control so they will not be tempted. Devil and the spirit of lust and fornication I rebuke you in the name of Jesus, go away from them and don't come back to them. Lord bless them, provide for them, answer their prayers and lead them into your will in their lives and make their lives good examples to others to follow. Lord I pray for others who still not repented and is in fornication, Lord humble them, discipline them and teach them your ways and grant them repentance to follow your will and walk in your ways.

Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to stand firm to implement the teaching that we had studied in this message. Lord we pray for more people to be set free from this sin of fornication and those having child or children without marriage. Lord give us wisdom and discernment how to advice those who are involved in fornication especially those having children out of that and the decision that we need to take about them. Lord lead us to help people who are involved in such a sin and are willing to come out of it. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and

*receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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