

The Virginity Part 1

“4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (Revelation 14:4 KJV)

The virgin is the person who had not yet married and who had not experienced physical sex or copulation.

Let us read the following Scripture from the Old Testament so we can see and understand the responsibilities that God had laid on us to keep this important principle for Godly marriage:

“13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: 15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: 16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; 17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; 19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:13-21 KJV) What we understand from the above Scripture that the responsibility of keeping the virginity of the woman until the time of marriage is laid upon the woman and her family, upon the man and his family, upon the church and their elders, and upon everyone in society.

From the above Scripture, we understand the importance of the virginity of the girl and she should prove her virginity on the day of her wedding. The Hebrew and the Arabic Word used for ‘virginity’ in *Deuteronomy 22:15,17, and 20* is ‘B@thuwllym’, for singular, and ‘B@thulah’, for plural, and is repeated in other Scripture in the Old Testament and as the following:

I. “13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity. 14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.” (Leviticus 21:13-14 KJV) The high priest recommended marrying a virgin.

II. “37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, 40 That the

daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.” (Judges 11:37-40 KJV) The daughter of Jephthah requested to mourn her virginity before her father will offer her as a burnt offering.

III. “12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.” (Judges 21:12 KJV) These are the virgins that were given to the remnant of the Benjamites to marry. They gave them virgins to marry because their wives and children were killed.

IV. “2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. 18 And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.” (2 Samuel 13:2, 18 KJV) Here the Scriptures are speaking about Tamar David's daughter how she was appareled with a robe that the virgins used to wear. **So they were marked with a certain dress.**

V. “2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin; and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.” (1 Kings 1:2 KJV) This is the suggestion given to David by his servants to have a virgin to serve him and give him heat.

VI. “2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them. 17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. 19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.” (Esther 2:2-3, 17, 19 KJV) This is how King Ahasuerus chose a wife for him from among the virgins.

VII. “14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.” (Psalm 45:14 KJV) Notice here that those who will accompany the bride and bring her to the bridegroom shall be virgins; then how much more the bride herself should be?

VIII. “3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.” (Song of Solomon 1:3 KJV) The church who loves holiness loves the Lord, and she is the virgin wife of Jesus.

IX. “8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.” (Song of Solomon 6:8 KJV) Virgins are a category that exists and should be kept and sought in the community, especially among God's people and among God's churches.

X. “14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14 KJV) God promised Christ

to be borne by a virgin. Based on this Word of God, if the Israelites would not keep this Godly principle, and separate man and woman till the wedding day, it will not be possible for Christ to be born. In the same way, our children should be trained about that and should keep that principle of holiness. The Scriptures teach us that boys and girls should be kept virgins until marriage. Scriptures recognize virgins as a category of a society composed of those who are not yet married:

A. “5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.” (Isaiah 62:5 KJV) What was usual in the Old Testament is to marry a virgin. Not like now, it is hard to see a boy or girl a virgin.

B. “4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. 18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.” (Lamentations 1:4, 18 KJV) Virgins can also be afflicted with the rest of the people due to the wrath of God on the people due to sin. Therefore not only keeping virginity is required but other sins needed to be refrained from doing them to avoid the wrath of God.

C. “10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. 21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied. (Lamentations 2:10, 21 KJV) The virgins fell by the sword with the other people due to God’s wrath on His people because of sin. Therefore we need to refrain from all kinds of sin to avoid God’s wrath.

D. “7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.” (Ezekiel 23:7-8 KJV) Here is speaking of the Israelites how they continued to practice immoralities that they brought with them out of Egypt. For this reason God enacted in His law to stone those who do that because He was intending to cut off such sin from the Israelites. Even the Lord today with the various plagues and wrath that He is sending upon His people when they do immoralities and fornication, God’s intention behind that is to force them to repent and to give up their immoral way of living. Virginity is God’s will and we should work to keep this principle alive and honored among God’s people.

E. “13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.” (Amos 8:13 KJV) This is part of God’s wrath that He will send on His people, including the virgins, as a punishment for the cheating measure that His people were using in their daily transactions.

The unmarried girl, to be a virgin, was something well known in Israel. The virgins to keep their virginity were a Godly principle that they needed to keep. Virginity is God’s will for those who are unmarried.

On the day of the wedding in Israel, the following was practiced: The man will leave his house and his family will accompany him and they will go to the house of the girl. Then they will take the girl to his house and when they are in his house he will lay with her as his wife and she is required to prove her virginity. When the man would enter unto her he should have found her virgin by the blood that will come out from her private part upon the rapture of her hymen.

God had put the hymen in the private part of the women. The hymen is a thin membrane that surrounds the opening to the vagina with an opening in it. Hymens can come in different shapes. The most common hymen in young women is shaped like a half-moon. This shape with the opening in it allows the menstrual blood to flow out of the vagina. Now when God had put such a clear anatomical distinction to the woman child, with such a membrane in her private part, then God has a message with that, and He has a purpose of doing that, and man should keep God’s arrangement and not to break in and do things against God’s properties.

Why God did such a thing in putting hymen in a human woman’s child? A woman is a property that belongs to God, and He will give the woman to be a wife for a certain man when he is mature and had fulfilled his requirements toward God. With such an arrangement of God, then those who do not keep their virginity and played the harlot before marriage they will be recognized.

God put the hymen is such a way that those who do not keep their virginity by allowing a man to rapture it and let blood go out will be discovered. Rapturing the hymen is like breaking a lock and causing damage to a door. So it will not happen by mistake, but it will happen by full will and awareness. From this explanation, we can understand why God brings His wrath upon those who violate His ordinance.

An ordinance is a decree, order, rule, regulation, law, and edict that God will release and man ought to keep it in reverence and submission to God’s will.

In all cultures and nations, women’s virginity is recognized, and some of them are furious with the women who lose their virginity before marriage. God had put that in their heart and mind to keep holiness and to keep order as God had ordained, and to be protected from demons and sexually transmitted diseases introduced on fornication.

Since, that is so serious issue, therefore, in certain societies the testing of the virginity of the girl on the wedding day will not be done with sexual intercourse. In certain tribes in Africa, the girl will not be considered the wife of the man unless she is proven virgin. They will do it in this way: The man with two witnesses, usually the girl’s mother and his mother, will introduce his finger covered with a piece of cloth into the private part of his wife and rapture the hymen with his finger, and the stain of blood on the cloth is a proof that she had kept her virginity. The piece of the cloth will be taken and given to the family of the girl to keep it with them as a proof. Upon receiving the stained cloth the family will be proud of their daughter whom they watched well and kept her pure and clean until her wedding day. They are also relieved as she was kept intact and pure, and now she is with her husband.

Now the above practiced by those who do not know God, do not know his Word, and have no relationship with Jesus, but they observe holiness pertaining to avoid fornication as God had ordained. Now how much more we as Church of God and Church of Christ, need to abide by

His Word and watch on ourselves and on our daughters and sons and keep them virgins until the day of their wedding?

The part of the Scripture that we read in **Deuteronomy 22:13-21**, speaks about the possibility that the man who got the woman and married her may slander her for being non-virgin. So here the parents will secure and keep the proof of her virginity by keeping the cloth of the woman that was stained by her blood when the man entered unto her, ***“And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.” (Deuteronomy 22:17 KJV)*** So here, the parents, the family, the men of the town, and the elders of the city were all expecting the married girl to keep her virginity. How this Scripture to be fulfilled? This entails on the wedding day, the family of the girl will give the girl to the man and they will wait to receive the cloth stained by her blood; the proof that she had kept herself a virgin. That proves that the parents had protected their daughter and kept her virgin until the wedding day. So we understand here that the parents are really responsible not only to keep their daughters virgins but as well as their sons.

The parents of the girl will keep that proof with them, and if her husband will by any means complain against her that she was not a virgin then the parents can bring the proof of her virginity to the elders of the city. So here the elders of the city who sit at the city gates to give judgment and make decisions will get involved in the process of investigation. **The elders of the city are to get involved in the marriage that they need to be sure that men and women need to be brought virgins to the wedding day. You may ask how the men will be kept virgins to the wedding day? By watching and keeping the girls’ virginity.**

Why the elders of the city need to get involved in such a process, and why the church needs to get involved in such a thing? The matter is so serious about sexual sin. Apostle Paul wrote the following: ***“18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20 KJV)*** Fornication is sin, and the devil will use it to inject demons into those who practice that. When a person sleeps with a woman, not his wife, then he is uniting himself with a prostitute and his body becomes a temple of the devil and a place for its demons, ***“15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.” (1 Corinthians 6:15-17 KJV)*** Immorality is one of the fastest ways to destroy the body of Christ, the church because through sex the members involved are uniting themselves with the devil and that will cause more destruction to the body of Christ if such sin is not properly dealt with and exterminated from God’s people and God’s church. That is why God in His law put measures to prevent such things from happening. The church should put its hand and should get involved in putting such discipline and measures to prevent fornication to prevent demons from penetrating God’s church. It is the responsibility of everyone not to allow the boys and girls to meet and to have privacy before marriage.

Going now back to **Deuteronomy 22:13-21**, when the parents can show the proof of their daughter’s virginity then the elder of the city will punish her husband and will force him to pay a fine for parents of the girl, ***“18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and***

chastise him; 19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.” (Deuteronomy 22:18-19 KJV) It was like a crime when the parents have been accused falsely that their daughter is not a virgin. The virginity was a serious matter, not like now, parents, churches, and the society are not concerned about such ordinances of God and had allowed the devil to work havoc in the body of Christ.

But if the girl cannot prove her virginity then she will be stoned in front of her father’s house because she played the harlot before her marriage: ***“20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:20-21 KJV)*** Now in this process of stoning all the men of the city, they needed to get involved. You may ask why? Because it was the responsibility of everyone to keep holiness; when the men of the city know that they will be getting involved in stoning those girls who are found not virgins then they will know that they need to keep their eyes open and watch and not to allow girls to meet with boys. Not only the girls to be stoned but the boys who were involved with them will be brought out and stoned. That is why the men of the city all of them are to get involved. Stoning is a very painful process, not only for those that were passed on to them but even to those who do the execution. Therefore everyone was needed to be vigilant to keep watching eyes to prevent evil from taking place amid their city. The parents and each family should watch very closely their boys and girls because if either of them got involved in fornication will be stoned at the door of their houses.

Now the question here, if there is a possibility that the man after marriage will slander the girl being a non-virgin, do we still think that the man was allowed to go out with the girl alone and be in privacy with her before marriage? Not at all! If there is a possibility that the man will accuse the girl then certainly the practice at that time that the boy and the girl shall not be allowed to meet each other till the day of the wedding. In such circumstances, if the girl was not a virgin then someone else has done a disgraceful thing with her before, and not the current husband.

If stoning was the Word of God and the will of God for the Israelites and that what they will be going to do if they found a girl non-virgin, then we can conclude the following:

- No father or mother of any family will allow their daughters to go outside and be in private with any man and under any circumstances. Who will be happy that his daughter or his boy will be stoned in front of his eyes at the door of his house?
- The men and the elders of the city will not allow any man to be with any girl in private. Because, they know very well that they will be the people who will be the first to stone that particular girl who is non-virgin. Therefore, they will be so diligent not to allow any boy to be with any girl in private to avoid being involved in stoning that particular girl and that boy in the future.

My Dear and Beloved: We understand now that the virginity of the girls and the boys was a serious issue that everyone was concerned with. Therefore based on the Scriptures that we

studied as a church, congregations, workers, families and members are called to stand with God and be responsible to avoid the sin of fornication from spreading in our midst. It is our high responsibility to bring our daughters, sons and disciples virgins to their wedding day as God expects that from us.

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 Word that teaches me about the importance of holiness in pertains to keep virginity until the wedding day to avoid defiling the temple of God with sin and the demons of the sexual immorality.*

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your lust and your physical intimacy before marriage and getting involved in boyfriend and girlfriend. Confess your non regard to the teaching of virginity and your involvement in fornication and the rest of the sexual immoralities. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess and renounce your disobedience to God and your non willingness to follow His Word. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce dating, courting and love before marriage. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Confess and renounce your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins

Lord I commit myself to the teaching of virginity that I received in this message. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to implement your Word in my life and in the life of my family, ministry and the church that you placed me in. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to implement the teaching that we received in this message. Lord bless them and make them fruitful and use their lives as good testimonies to others to follow you. Lord bless them, continue to provide for them and use them to serve you. Lord discipline those who are not willing to amend their ways and repent of their sins.

Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to teach and implement holiness, the preparation for Godly marriage and the principle of virginity in bringing boys and girls virgins to their wedding day. Lord change the lives of your people and help them to realize the need of the teaching of virginity in their lives and in the lives of their families and ministries. Lord 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 new 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 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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