

The Virginity Part 2

In the previous message we had studied that the virginity of the girl was a serious issue that everyone was concerned with. Even the Scriptures in the New Testament speak about the virginity of the girl and as the following:

A. “23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” (Matthew 1:23 KJV) This is when the angel announced to Joseph that Mary is pregnant with the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the Word of God in *Isaiah 7:14*, **“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)** So here if the Israelites did not keep that principle of Godly marriage, that woman should retain her virginity till the wedding day, then Christ would not be born.

Do not be amazed, but that is the truth and we need to take it seriously. All churches believe about the virgin birth of Christ, and they would write something like the following about that in their doctrinal belief: ‘We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary.’ Now that means Christ had a place to be conceived, in a virgin womb. Therefore if there was no virgin available then Christ would not be born. Now a day you hardly get virgins: you hardly meet people who fear God and value virginity: you hardly see a church that is disciplinary and had put and implement measures to keep the virginity of those unmarried. Sex before marriage became rampant and the church is just silent as dead about it.

Apostle Paul said, **“19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.” (Galatians 4:19 KJV)** Christ formed in Mary when the Holy Ghost tabernacled upon her. **“27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:27-35 KJV)** The Holy Ghost came upon her and the power of the Highest overshadowed her, but she also did her part by keeping herself Holy, being a virgin and knew no man.

Now how Christ will be formed in us and the church today has no consideration of taking measures to keep boys and girls virgins and clean before marriage? What I want to say that this issue of virginity needs to be addressed, taken seriously and worked out to be put into practice.

The endorsement of the apostles to the gentile churches was the following: **“28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.” (Acts 15:28-29 KJV)** The Gentile churches were required to abstain from fornication, and that include sex and immoralities prohibition before marriage. Now, who are the Gentiles? The non-Jewish people; therefore the churches today are almost composed of the Gentiles. Now the question is this: Do the present churches today emphases on the lifestyle that protects boys and girls from immoralities and fornication? Not at all with what we witness of allowing the phenomena of boyfriend, girlfriend, dating, and courting; the present church is not taking real disciplinary actions and the required measures of raising Godly children, that will prohibit the boys and girls from meeting and have a sexual experience before marriage. Therefore the churches today had broken the instruction of the apostles who laid the foundation of the church, by being non-keen to prevent fornication from occurring in their midst.

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Those who are new converts need to be taught about that issue. Those among them who are still single and having affairs need to be taught to end up these affairs and live in cleanliness and an atmosphere away from temptations that would lead them to fornication, or even to masturbation.

They should be reverting to the point of living in a virgin state and far away from lust and immoralities. After that transient stage, they will be prepared on how to have Godly marriage and to have a Godly family.

The Greek Word for ‘**virgin**’ is ‘**Parthenos**’, and it had the following meaning:

First, a virgin, a marriageable maiden, a woman who has never had sexual intercourse with a man.

Second, a man who has abstained from all uncleanness and whoredom attendant on idolatry, and so has kept his chastity; a one who has never had intercourse with women.

Other places the Word ‘**Parthenos**’, repeated in the Scriptures are in the following places:

B. “1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.” (Matthew 25:1, 7, 11 KJV) Jesus speaking in the parable of the ten virgins about His second

coming; when He is coming He will take His church with Him, and what He is expecting is to take a virgin church who is not corrupted with the world, but who live in holiness and filled with the Holy Spirit.

C. “27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.” (Luke 1:27 KJV) Joseph was espoused to a virgin whose name was Mary. As believers in the Lord Jesus and as a church, this is the way that we need to think: that we need to keep ourselves pure and to raise our children in holiness and shield them that they will reach their wedding day, virgins, and without fornication.

D. “36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity.” (Luke 2:36 KJV) It was the usual thing to marry a virgin. Now a day this principle is no more observed that is why more of God's wrath we are seeing.

E. “9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.” (Acts 21:9 KJV) This here speaking about the four daughters of Philip the evangelist, the one who was among the chosen seven in *Acts 6*, and the one who preached the Gospel in the city of Samaria, and who baptized the eunuch in *Acts 8*. The same person had a family with four daughters who were virgins and have the gift of prophecy. This man had raised his four daughters in the fear of the Lord and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and were serving the Lord with Him.

F. “25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. 28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. 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. 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. 37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.” (1 Corinthians 7:25, 28, 34, 36-37 KJV) Here Apostle Paul described the non-married women as virgins, which means that they had no experience of sex and had not united their bodies with any man. That letter was written to the Corinthians, who were mixed of Jewish and Gentiles. Some say that while we are evangelizing to the Gentiles they cannot give hard teaching as such. But Apostle Paul had included such teaching to the Gentiles; therefore, as a church, we cannot ignore the teaching of keeping virginity because that is also part of what the apostles teach.

G. “2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:2 KJV) Paul also taught the church should be chaste and gave her the similitude of being a virgin espoused to unite with the Lord as her husband when He returns.

H. “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) Here virginity

according to Apostle John is not only for girls but as well as for boys, that they should not experience fornication before their wedding day.

Today, this issue should the church take it very seriously. Holiness should be instituted in our churches and every family because fornication and immoralities are a way for demons to enter into the body of Christ as we explained. Not only that but if such things are going on and the church is silent about it then God's wrath will come against us. **“5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” (Ephesians 5:5-6 KJV)** **“5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.” (Colossians 3:5-6 KJV)** There must be awareness among the Christian community and God's churches that immoralities and fornications are instigators for God's wrath. Therefore it is the responsibility of every member, parent, and family to open their eyes and watch and scrutinize things to stop evil and sin from spreading in the community of God's people.

Even today, the governments of the countries are accountable before God to prevent immoralities from taking place among their individuals. Governments have authorities from God to keep holiness, and they need to, otherwise, God's wrath will fall on them as we read in the following Scriptures from the book of Revelation: **“8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Revelation 14:8 KJV)** **“2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” (Revelation 17:2 KJV)** **“3 For all nations have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning.” (Revelation 18:3, 9 KJV)** God is punishing the nations for the fornications in their midst, how much more for us, we who are his body. Therefore today, even we do not practice stoning, but still, God's wrath will fall on us, since we are His church if we keep fornication and such sin tolerated in our midst.

My Dear and Beloved: As we had previously stated it is not enough to say no to fornication or to preach against fornication, but we should take real measures:

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Come now to God and see how much you are applying of these measures in your life and in the life of your family and children. God is calling you to be accountable to the teaching of

virginity and keep holiness and cleanliness from the sin of fornication and pure from sexual immorality. 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 Word that teaches me about holiness and to keep boys and girls virgins until the time of marriage. Lord thank you for all the corrections, rebukes and the admonishments that I received from your Word.*

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your lust and your physical and emotional intimacy before marriage and getting involved in boyfriend and girlfriend, dating and courting. Confess and renounce your lack of concern to the principle of virginity. Confess and renounce your worldliness, and your love for material things. 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 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 to be applied on boys and girl. 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 give me good health, strengthen me 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 willing to implement your Word and follow your will and plan for them. Lord continue to provide for them and use them to serve you. Lord deal with those who are not willing to stop sinning and with those who continue to promote immoralities.

Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to teach and implement the teaching of virginity for boys and girls and the teaching of preparation for Godly marriage and to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives. 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 prepare us for your coming to take us when you come. 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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