

# SEXUAL ETHICS FOR A SET APART PEOPLE

*Deuteronomy 22:9-23:18*

I. Sexual union may be enjoyed only within the covenant of marriage (22:13-30; 23:17-18).

II. Marital union may be enjoyed only within the covenant of grace (23:1-8).

III. Divine union may be enjoyed only with clean hands and a pure heart (22:9-12; 23:1-15).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What commandment is Moses preaching here? What is adultery?
2. Why is the seventh commandment viewed as offensive and oppressive in our current culture? How might we help our unbelieving friends to see otherwise?
3. Is sex a gift from God and something we should praise Him for?
4. What is the only human relationship in which sex is to be enjoyed?
5. Are the Israelites free to marry anyone they please? Why, or why not?
6. How does distorting sex ultimately destroy marriage? And how does destroying marriage ultimately destroy humanity?
7. How can we be cleansed from the filth of our sin?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does the sexual revolution encourage me to think about strict sexual codes of conduct? How have I been influenced by this way of thinking, and how do the Scriptures counter it?
2. As a parent or a grandparent, do I shy away from speaking about sexual matters with my children or grandchildren? Does it make me uncomfortable when they are addressed from the pulpit? How do the preachers of the Bible—Moses, the prophets, Christ, and the apostles—handle these matters?
3. When was the last time I felt unclean and defiled? Have I and do I continue to turn to Christ for cleansing and empowering?