

## Angie's Marriage Column – July 16, 2015

### How to Flee from Sexual Temptation? How Lust Killed Samson

**Ask Angie:** The bible says that we should flee from sexual immorality. Can you explain clearly on what it means to flee or how to flee?

**Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (KJV 1 Corinthians 6:8)**

**Guidance:** God made us in His image for us to glorify him and his wonderful creation through how we regard and treat others in our relationships. Humans have been given the power, through Christ, to resist temptation and to live a life that is pleasing to God. God made us with intelligence and reasoning, so we can have the ability to love one another according to His principles that are outlined in scripture, not only for our own spiritual well-being but for the well-being of others.

There's a wonderful story in the bible about how Joseph fled fornication and as "Christ ones" this is our example to follow. Genesis 39: 1-23

The story starts out with Joseph being blessed by God and being a good man. *Everything* Joseph did was for God and so he continued to see many blessings in his life no matter what he did.

Joseph's master (Potiphar) saw that Joseph was a good man and he trusted him, so, he made him overseer of his whole house.

After some time, Joseph was put to the test by his master's wife. She began flirting with Joseph and one day she asked Joseph to lie with her. But he refused and said, "You are my master's wife; how can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Every day she would tempt Joseph and would come around talking and flirting with Joseph and asking Joseph to sleep with her. And one day, after more time had passed, Joseph went into his master's house to do some business he noticed there was no one else in the house; only him and his master's wife, that is. And the wife

grabbed Joseph's garment saying, "Lie with me". She was persistent. Joseph left his scarf she pulled off of him in her hand and fled the house with haste.

The wife, seeing she had a piece of Joseph's clothing decided to accuse Joseph of wanting to lie with her. She told her master (her husband) that Joseph was in her room asking to sleep with her. She showed her husband the scarf that she had of Joseph's and said he left it in her room.

When the master heard these awful words from his wife he threw Joseph in prison. But the LORD knew Joseph was innocent and he provided Joseph with "MERCY" by giving him favor with the guard of the prison. And so the keeper of the prison made Joseph overseer of all the prisoners that were in the prison. He was the main overseer of the whole prison. And because Joseph was blessed by God, everything he did in the prison was for good and all that Joseph did flourished. Read the bible story here. [Genesis 39: 1-23](#)

The point of the story is Joseph never allowed himself to be seduced by this woman. He continued to have self-control from the persistent and wicked temptress, always fleeing from her seductive and devious ways.

Joseph fled from fornication.

God continued to bless Joseph and later he was found innocent and made ruler over Egypt. Joseph, being a mere man is an excellent example of Christ-like behavior.

Understand, life is not without trials and tests. You will be tested; God tells us so. Will you pass the test and stand steadfast or will you give into temptation and sin against your body, which belongs to God.

**Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**  
**James 1:12**

#### **NEXT BIBLICAL EXAMPLE**

Job made a pact with himself and God; he said he would never allow his eyes to look upon a woman (maid, virgin, young lady) lustfully. Job said that by acting on lust, it would defile her as well as himself. Job was right.

**I made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I think on a maid? Job 31:1**

**Interestingly enough many years later, it was St. Paul who said, “Matthew 5:28**

**But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:28**

**Flee from temptation – Flee from fornication.**

Sex is a beautiful thing, when it is between a husband and wife, anything else is sexual immorality and is sinning against the body.

The eye affects the heart and stirs up lust. Then, when lust becomes stirred up, what happens. All chaos breaks loose for that person and he or she has lost favor with God, which means no blessings in this life. Many negative things happen in our lives when we abuse our bodies.

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**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? (KJV 1 Corinthians 6:19)**

**Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? (1 Corinthians 3:16)**

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## **How Lust Killed Samson**

Have you ever read or heard about the story of Samson and Delilah? (Judges 16:4-31) Read Judges to find out for yourself. Here is my short recap.

Samson thought Delilah could do no wrong—he couldn't see her for the woman she really was—wicked and evil. Samson was burning with passion for her, but Delilah deceived Samson more than once. **Samson was in lust and desire for**

**Delilah and she took advantage of his feelings and betrayed the secret of his strength to the Philistines and consequently he died.**

Delilah was a deceitful woman just like Potipher's wife in the story above. Delilah had honey on her lips and poison in her heart. But because of his desire and lust he brought on his own **death by trusting in her lies!** He believed the lies that Delilah loved him and wanted him. Samson caved in over and over again because he was continually deceived by her beauty and passionate words. Samson's own blindness allowed himself to be deceived.

LESSON: Had Samson been like Job and said, "I'm not going to allow myself to be seduced by the lusts of a woman", he would have eventually found a good woman, allowed her into his heart, got married and lived happily ever (almost) ever. Seriously folks, why do you think there is very few "happily ever after's" and we call them fairy tales? Because people do ruin their lives through lust and greed.

Instead of FLEEING FORNICATION, Samson ran to it and it got him killed.

So why did I mention this story? It is the same way with any lustful desire or sexual craving—whether it is pornography addiction, adultery, fornication, or other sexual sins. **Lust destroys "who we are as people of God"!** Lust will deceive you into believing the lies you hear from the world. You will get caught up in the lies and your perspective will change about everything else around you. Lust and greed makes us blind to the truth of God's wisdom and instruction for our lives.

Although Samson was very strong and could even strangle a lion, he could not smother his burning lust and burning desire and see Delilah for who she really was—wicked and evil!

Every time you view another person with thoughts of lust, view lustful images, commit fornication and other sexual sins, you are being deceived and defrauded into believing the lies of the world. Not only are you harming your attitude about the opposite sex and sinning against your body, you are sinning against God because your body **once belonged to God before you defiled it with sexual immorality.**

**FLEE FORNICATION**

**Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...1 Corinthians 6:9**

DECIDE WHO YOU ARE

Are you a child of God or a part of the godlessness of society? You can conquer wrong attitudes about sexuality by not letting it control your perspective in the world around you. "Dating" is the beginning of wrong thinking and attitude about the opposite sex. It creates disrespect with oneself as well as for others. It degrades the perfect union of man and wife as "one flesh". The bible does not mention dating because it was non-existent. [Read more about dating and lust here:](#)

**The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies or drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissention and jealousy. Rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. (Romans 13:12-14)**

What Does the Bible Say about Fornication (lust)?

Proverbs 6:25

Romans 1:26

1 Thessalonians 4:5

1 Peter 4:3

1 John 2:16

Galatians 5:24

Titus 2:11-12

Ephesians 2:3-6

2 Timothy 2:22

James 4:1-4

1 Corinthians 6:13

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Hebrews 13:4

Who are you? If you say that you are a child of God **then you have to trust in Jesus Christ with your life!** Why are you trusting in yourself / the world?

How does sin happen? First people reject God and then they make up their own idea of what they think their God should be. But later, because their God is an invented God, they sin. Sexual sin, greed, lust, addiction, hatred, murder, deceit, strife, covetousness, jealousy, etc, etc, these are all sins that we fall into when we reject God. **We have to choose.**

**God created men and women with the ability to control themselves in all things; and that means to flee sexual temptations.**

If God intended for humans to have uncontrolled sex like the animals, he would not have created commitment, nor the sanctity of the one flesh of marriage. [Read more here:](#)

More resources

[What is Gods Purpose for SEX?](#)

[How to Protect Your Marriage from Lust Temptations](#)

[Love Relationships vs. Lust Relationships](#)

[Influence of Society on the Christian – \(Christ-One\)](#)

Do you have a marriage question that you want biblical answers to? Let us know and we'll pray about it, research it and answer it with the understanding and wisdom God has blessed us with. It's not what Frank or Angie can do for your marriage; it is between YOU and God. We're just the messengers.

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