

Pornography & Masturbation

Pornography is rampant in the world today. Perhaps more than anything else, HaSatan has succeeded in twisting and perverting sex. He has taken what is good and right (loving sex between a husband and wife) and replaced it with lust, pornography, adultery, rape, and homosexuality. Pornography can be the first step on a very slippery slope of ever-increasing wickedness and immorality (**Romans 6:19**). I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness.

The addictive nature of pornography is well documented. Just as a drug user must consume greater and more powerful quantities of drugs to achieve the same “high,” pornography drags a person deeper and deeper into hard-core sexual addictions and unrighteous desires.

Pornography is defined by Merriam-Webster.com as “the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement.” Whether explicit or “soft porn,” these depictions are a misuse of the sexual relationship **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) created to be used between a husband and wife. Rather than an act of married love making, sex is reduced to an act of lust.

The (7th) Seventh of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s (10) Ten Commandments deals with sexual behavior: “You shall not commit adultery” (**Exodus 20:14**). The underlying principle of the (7th) Seventh Commandment is the protection of the marriage unit and, thereby, the family. The only acceptable setting for the expression of sexual love is in the context of marriage between a husband and wife. Sexual intimacy before marriage or with anyone other than your marriage partner is a sin, according to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

וַיְהִי (Yahusha) expanded on this, showing **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s perspective on sexual lust, in **Matthew 5:27-28**: “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” So the simple answer is yes, pornography is a sin. But it can be helpful to understand why **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) calls it a sin.

Why is pornography sin?

אֵלֹהִים (Yahuah) does not forbid things that are good for us, but He does forbid things that are harmful. Having designed the human mind, **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is aware of the fact that the marriage union involves mental faithfulness, as well as physical faithfulness. That is because faithfulness or unfaithfulness begins in the mind. Every action, righteous or sinful, begins in the thought process. It is simply impossible for a person who allows himself or herself to be unfaithful in the mind to remain fully committed to his or her marriage relationship and family.

Said another way, pornography is guaranteed to damage the marriage relationship and the family, and for those not currently married, to damage their potential to enjoy a lasting and healthy marriage relationship and family life.

Research confirms the negative effects of pornography

A great deal of research has been done on the effects of pornography. Consider the findings of

the Marriage and Religion Research Institute: "Pornography is a visual representation of sexuality which distorts an individual's concept of the nature of conjugal relations. This, in turn, alters both sexual attitudes and behavior. It is a major threat to marriage, to family, to children and to individual happiness. In undermining marriage it is one of the factors in undermining social stability."

Specific points their research unearthed are:

- Married men who are involved in pornography feel less satisfied with their conjugal relations and less emotionally attached to their wives. Wives notice and are upset by the difference.
- Pornography use is a pathway to infidelity and divorce, and is frequently a major factor in these family disasters.
- Among couples affected by one spouse's addiction, two-thirds experience a loss of interest in sexual intercourse.
- Both spouses perceive pornography viewing virtually the same as infidelity.
- Pornography viewing leads to a loss of interest in good family relations.

Again, sin always hurts and pornography hurts marriages, families and children by damaging the mind and affecting the relationships of the one who views it. The scriptural response to all sin is to repent (turn away from) and seek **אָפּצוּן** (Yahuah)'s forgiveness, determining not to repeat the mistake again (**Acts 2:38-39; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11**).

The (3) three main categories of sin are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (**1 John 2:16**).

Lust:

noun Very strong sexual desire.

sexual desire, sexual appetite, sexual, longing, ardor, desire, passion; libido, sex drive, sexuality, biological urge; lechery, lasciviousness, concupiscence; horniness, the hots, randiness "his lust for her"

Verb have a very strong sexual desire for someone.

Desire, be consumed with desire for, find sexually attractive, crave, covet, ache for, burn for; have the hots for, fancy, have a thing about/for, drool over

Pornography definitely causes us to lust after flesh, and it is undeniably a lust of the eyes. Pornography definitely does not qualify as one of the things we are to think about, according to **Philippians 4:8**. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Pornography is addictive; "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial.

"Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be mastered by anything. **1 Corinthians 6:12**

They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. and destructive. **2 Peter 2:19**

Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;
Proverbs 6:25

Therefore say to the house of Yisrael, Thus says **יהוה** (Yahuah), Aluah (God), will you defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers and go whoring after their detestable things?
Ezekiel 20:30

They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. . Lusting after other people in our minds, which is the essence of pornography, is offensive to **יהוה** (Yahuah).

Having lost all sense of shame, they have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity, with a craving for more. **Ephesians 4:19**

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery. (strong's: 3431. moicheuó).’
28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery (strong's: 3431. moicheuó) with her in his heart. **Matthew 5:28**

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of **יהוה** (Yahuah)? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality. **1 Corinthians 6:9**

For those involved in pornography, **יהוה** (Yahuah) can and will give the victory. Here are some steps to victory:

Repent (Turn Away From) & Confess your sin to **יהוה** (Yahuah) **1 John 1:9**

Ask **יהוה** (Yahuah) to cleanse, renew, and transform your mind **Romans 12:2**

Ask **יהוה** (Yahuah) to fill your mind with whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of Halal (praise), think about these things. **Philippians 4:8**

For this is the will of **יהוה** (Yahuah), your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in Kadoshness (Holiness) and honor. **1 Thessalonians 4:3-4.**

Realize that if you walk in the Ruach (Spirit), you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (**Galatians 5:16**).

What Is The Core Of The Problem?

Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’

Ephesians 4:17b-19 You must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of **יהוה** (Yahuah) because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all

sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

What Does Scripture Say About Pornography?

Exodus 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Matthew 5:27-29 You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into Gehenna.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15 The body is not meant for Porneia (fornication/sexual immorality), but for Adon, and Adon for the body. By His power **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) raised **YAHUSHA** (Yahusha) from the dead, and He will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Mashiach Himself? Shall I then take the members of Mashiach and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Ruach HaKodesh, who is in you, whom you have received from **YAHUAH** (Yahuah)? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) with your body.

Ephesians 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of Porneia (Fornication/sexual immorality), or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for **YAHUAH** (Yahuah)'s Kadosh (holy) people.

Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: Porneia (Fornication/sexual immorality), impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of **YAHUAH** (Yahuah).

Get Freedom In Mashiach!

Proverbs 3:5-8 Trust in **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Proverbs 23:26-28 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways, for an adulterous (*zanah: to commit fornication*) woman is a deep pit, and a wayward wife is a narrow well.

Romans 3:23 or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of **YAHUAH** (Yahuah), and are justified freely by his unmerited favor (grace) through the redemption that came by **YAHUSHA** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

Romans 13:12-14 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 and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 12:1-2 Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, Kadosh (holy) and pleasing to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Ephesians 4:22-24 Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to be renewed in the Ruach (spirit) of your mind. And put on the renewed man, which was created according to Alahym in true righteousness and Kadoshness (holiness).

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 It is **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid Porneia (fornication/sexual immorality); that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is Kadosh (holy) and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know **יְהוָה** (Yahuah).

1 Timothy 6:11-12 But you, man of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, Amanah (faith), Ahavah (love), endurance and gentleness.

Timothy 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, Amanah (faith), Ahavah (love) and Shalom (peace), along with those who call on **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) out of a pure heart.

Titus 2:11-12 For the unmerited favor (grace) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to unrighteousness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and Kadosh lives in this present age.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of unmerited favor (grace) with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find unmerited favor (grace) to help us in our time of need.

Colossians 3:1-10 Since, then, you have been raised with Mashiach, set your hearts on things above, where Mashiach is seated at the right hand of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Mashiach in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). When Mashiach, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in esteem. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language

from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Why is watching pornography considered a sin?

A. First, the very word pornography comes from a Greek word *porneia*, which is translated sexual immorality in the English Bibles. Believers are commanded repeatedly in the New Testament to flee from all kinds of sexual immorality and impurity. Consider these uses of the word *porneia* in the New Testament:

Galatians 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality.

Ephesians 5:3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among chosen believers.

1Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality.

Watching pornography involves at least (3) three forms of sin:

1. Licentiousness - The sexual acts on display in pornographic material are acts of fornication, which is the sin of sexual contact outside marriage. When we take part in this enterprise as an observer (*i.e.*, as a customer of pornography), we are condoning and promoting fornication. This promoting behavior is itself the sin of licentiousness, or giving license to sin.

I am afraid that when I come again, my Alahym (God) may humiliate me before you, and I will grieve for many of those who previously sinned and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and licentiousness that they have practiced. **2Corinthians 12:21**

2. Lust - Pornographic materials are intended to illicit sexual arousal in our flesh, which is lust. Lust is any arousal of the flesh which occurs in an immoral manner, and the whole purpose of filming other people engaging in sexual acts is to entice lust in the hearts of the audience.

Lust is a sin, and anything that brings us to the point of lust is a sinfully corrupting and tempting influence. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) says that the commission of lust is equal to the commission of adultery.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

3. Sensuality - Watching pornography involves taking pleasure in observing strangers in a state of nakedness, which is the sin of sensuality or lewdness according to Scripture.

Lusting after another person's nakedness is sinful behavior, according to Scripture. Beginning in the Garden of Eden and continuing throughout scripture, we find those who take pleasure in another's nakedness (outside of marriage) are depicted as shameful and due condemnation. For example, when one of Noah's sons took pleasure in seeing his father lying naked in his tent in **Genesis 9**, scripture portrays the son's act as shameful and dishonoring.

More importantly, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) sees such conduct as reprehensible. Consider אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s admonishment against Yisrael when they engaged in lewd and immoral conduct:

Habakkuk 2:15 “Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, Who mix in your venom even to make them drunk So as to look on their nakedness!

Is Masturbation a sin?

There is no place in scripture where masturbation is forbidden or that it is sinful; however I believe the thoughts that accompany masturbation are sinful. "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **Matthew 5:27-30**

Notice what **וַיָּהוּשָׁא** (Yahusha) said about the parts of the body He mentions, your eye and your hand. If you are enjoying sexually explicit thoughts about a woman that is not your wife then it is sinful. But what if no illicit fantasies or lustful thoughts are included in masturbation? Is the act then sinful? According to scripture, there is nothing to indicate that it is, but it does mention: Now if a man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and be unclean until evening. 17As for any garment or any leather on which there is seminal emission, it shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening. 18 If a man lies with a woman so that there is a seminal emission, they shall both bathe in water and be unclean until evening. **Leviticus 15:16-18**

None of the offspring of Aaron who has a leprous disease or a discharge may eat of the Kadosh (holy) things until he is clean. Whoever touches anything that is unclean through contact with the dead or a man who has had an emission of semen, **Leviticus 22:4**

But what if the act is done merely as a means of resisting temptation and performed as the body requires? This is hardly exciting, if used just as a means of keeping the body in submission, as the body is not that demanding if left alone without the perverted imagination. If we attempt to maintain a self-sex life, then we find that the body needs help from the mind through illicit fantasies and images, and then sin is clearly being committed and to live by the carnal and fleshly nature is sinful. Live by the Ruach (Spirit), not by the desires of the flesh!

For this is the will of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from Porneia (fornication/sexual immorality); that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**

While Scripture nowhere explicitly states that masturbation is a sin, there is no question as to whether the actions that lead to masturbation are sinful. Masturbation is nearly always the result of lustful thoughts, sexual stimulation, and/or pornographic images. It is these problems that need to be dealt with. If the sins of lust, immoral thoughts, and pornography are forsaken and overcome, masturbation will become a non-issue.

Instead of thinking about things of the flesh, which results in spiritual death, believers are to set our minds on spiritual matters. The mind set on fleshly desires cannot please אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), but eventually becomes defiled as the conscience becomes seared. The viewing of pornography by believers results in a mind that is focused on lust and fleshly desires, instead of on the things

of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). The goal of the believer is escape conformity to the desires of the world, but to be transformed by Mashiach through the renewing of our minds, so that we can do the perfect will of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

Scripture says that those who are sexually immoral are separated from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and will not share in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s inheritance upon death.

From Scripture, the line not to be crossed is the line of illicit imagination. And what a line! Minus the sinful fantasies, which are the fuel for most masturbation, all the fun and zest would be taken out of it. Thus, it would no longer be a topic of interest to you or anybody, any more than the act of going to the bathroom. Can you, in all honesty, masturbate without sinning against the clear commands of the Mashiach or **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)? If yes, then we are never told that the act itself is impure or forbidden. But let us be honest and admit that it is not so easy to do if we are committed to avoid mental sexual sin.

Why Is Masturbation Sin?

Masturbation is a sin because a person consents in their own heart to take sexual gratification from impure thoughts. It is sinful to indulge in the sexual pleasure that is derived from the satisfaction of using one's imagination to fixate upon obscene images, or obscene actions, or forbidden sex. Lustfully fixating upon genitals, or sexual acts, is idolatry. This is called: the worship of obscenities. This is the sin of those addicted to pornography. Alternatively, taking delight in the lust of another, or consummating a fantasy of forbidden sexual romance, is the sin of adultery in the heart.

The act of masturbation is an outward act that confirms that one's heart and mind has consented to an inward act of impurity. Only by consenting to an imagined act of impurity can one attain orgasm. To attain sexual release, a person's will consents to LOVE something that is sexually impure.

A sin consists in loving something that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) hates, or in hating something that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) loves. If you think of this from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s perspective. When engaging in Masturbation, one is looking upon an act of sin (Fornication, Adultery, Homosexuality, Bestiality, etc...) which **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has called a sin and is detestable to him, even an abomination in some regards, thus we are lustfully looking upon these sinful acts in a way which bring our flesh pleasure.

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) hates impure sexual lust, because lust is a false pretense of love. It is a gross and disordered counterfeit of what should really be a sentiment of true love. Lust consists of fixating on the body of another human being as a sexual object - solely for sexual gratification. When a person lusts, he is making no lasting commitment to the other human being. He is regarding the other human being's body as a sexual object to be used for his own gratification - but nothing more! Outside of marriage, a person who lusts is acting as if he would take another person sexually to be his spouse: but he has absolutely no intention of actually doing so. That is why LUST IS A LIE.

When the subject of masturbation arises, it always refers to stimulating one's self for the gratification of sexual lust, or in stimulating one's self sexually while fantasizing about the lust of another person. In impure sexual fantasy, a person uses his own imagination as a pornographic tool to give his body the ability to attain sexual gratification. In reality

entertaining lustful fantasy is embracing a falsehood of the heart and mind, in an act of abuse of his own body in order to attain selfish sexual gratification. This is sexual idolatry!

These obscene images, be they real, photographic, or imaginary, are the objects of the "worship of obscenities" specifically referred to in scripture. Do not be deceived! Those who willfully, and habitually indulge in these acts of impurity, without repentance, will incur the 2nd Death.

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the (2nd) second death. **Revelation 21:8**

יְהוָה (Yahuah) hates pornography because it is used to degrade human beings: both men and women. The sole purpose of hard-core pornography is to create and inflame degrading sexual lust, or to invoke unrighteous gratification by the enjoyment taken in the degradation of another person. Indulging in impure lusts, or taking delight in the lust, or degradation of another person constitute the sins of impurity. Masturbation severely damages a person's ability to accomplish the intended purpose of loving marital sexuality.

Masturbation, by its very nature clouds and degrades the purpose and privilege of married sexuality. Masturbation is a solitary act of gratifying one's own physical urge. Performed as a solitary act, even in the married state, it degrades the place of honor of the spouse! It often serves to sexually replace the spouse entirely! This is because masturbation trains a person to abuse his own sexual powers outside the intended order of יְהוָה (Yahuah), in a selfish solitary way.

To fully understand why masturbation is sinful, one must appreciate the Kadoshness (holiness) of one's own body, and believe in the true and sacred purpose of human sexuality. The "spiritual union" consists in יְהוָה (Yahuah)'s uniting himself with the body and soul of a human being. The sanctification of a soul by the unmerited favor (grace) of יְהוָה (Yahuah) is a spiritual divine union: it is as sacred as marriage itself! The hearts and minds of believers must not be defiled by gratifying themselves by indulging in impure sexual fantasies, or by abusing their own physical sexual powers. One's body is the temple of the Ruach HaKodesh!

The relationship of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) with his bride is a supernatural marriage. **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) espouses his believers as a bride. The marriage of a man and a woman is but a reflection of how intimately יְהוָה (Yahuah) espouses a soul through the indwelling of his divine mercy: which is the indwelling of his Ruach HaKodesh. All are united to יְהוָה (Yahuah) through **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), and through **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) all souls are united with each other. This Kadosh union of souls is called: the "Body of Messiah". Believers marriage is only a reflection of this more perfect, and eternal marriage: that of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) with his Bride.

יְהוָה (Yahuah) is jealous of what our hearts and minds consent to indulge in. This is because his love is intimately personal! **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) longs to be loved with the affection and loyalty of a spouse! **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) desires and intends to enjoin in a spiritual, even matrimonial union with the soul. Like committing adultery within a marriage, acts of masturbation break the souls covenant of fidelity with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha).

Masturbating in public is a criminal act! Why is this so? Because It is a disgusting and grotesque display of lust which is morally offensive to all! Masturbation is no less morally

offensive to almighty אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) when it is done in private. On the contrary, the marital act of sexual intimacy is Kadosh (holy), which means: "set apart".

Masturbation, whether it be done while watching a pornographic movie, or while fixating upon obscene pictures, or by using one's own imagination as a tool to focus upon a fantasy of forbidden sex offends אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s sense of intimacy and decency. אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) considers such actions infidelities, and they grievously offend him! By "cheating" on Oוַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), the Ruach HaKodesh is offended by an "adultery of the heart". He flees, offended by such sins - and the soul is left alone! The mortal sin breaks the bond of the indwelling of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)!

Adolescents should regard temptations against purity much like HaSatan's promise to Eve: "go ahead - eat of the forbidden fruit: you will not die." HaSatan's temptation is a false promise intended to trap them in obsessive compulsive behaviors: to which they are, in fact, extremely vulnerable - even though they do not realize this until after they have sinned.

"Do not let anyone deceive you with empty arguments. Among you their must not even be mention of fornication, promiscuity, or impurity in any of it's forms! Impure things that are done in secret, are things that people are ashamed even to speak of! Immoral behavior such as this brings down אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s anger upon the children of disobedience.

The 10 Commandments are also very clear: "I, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), am a jealous Aluah (God)!" "You shall not commit adultery!" "You shall NOT COVET your neighbors wife!" Oוַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) said: "If a man looks at a woman with lust in his eye, he has committed adultery with her in his heart." He concludes this teaching in the book of Revelation: "I am the Aleph a and Tav, the Beginning and the End. I will reward with eternal life anyone who proves victorious! Eternal life is the inheritance for everyone who proves victorious! But, the legacy for cowards, for those who break their word, or for murderers, or fortunetellers, or fornicators, or those who worship obscenities-- and all idolaters, or any other sort of liar: is the second death in the burning lake of sulfur. (**Revelation 21:8**)

Remaining Kadosh is NOT easy. Living a pure life is the hardest thing to do! אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is a loving father who understands this! He loves His children, and patiently nurtures them. He is very concerned with rescuing his children from traps, and powerfully leading them to spiritual maturity. If the urge is not resisted, it quickly becomes a habit. It's a habit of continually consenting mentally and spiritually to acts of sexual impurity.

It is very true that sexual tension's can be almost impossible to endure! Sometimes they feel unbearable. But that's OK! This is life - this is human reality - like it or not! This is the most corrupted generation in human history with widespread, unbridled sexual promiscuity. Human beings ARE sexual creatures! The instinct for sex can be overwhelming for both men and women! Sexual images, pornography, and enticements to sexual vanity are everywhere! The whole civilization is enticed into pride, lust, fornication, adultery, vanity, addiction to pornography, masturbation, and consequently the complete loss of appreciation for the true purpose of sexuality and marriage.

HaSatan is the author of both lust and incest. Sexuality is the Achilles heel for mankind - and the HaSatan knows this well! Above all things, HaSatan is committed to constantly tempting men with powerful enticements to lust. HaSatan longs to trap men and woman by enticing them

to honor what is false, vane, impure, self indulgent, ugly, or degrading.

Everyone sins. Every human being who has ever lived has suffered identical problems or temptations. Sexual impurity is something that should be rejected. Masturbation is just a very common sin! Like all sin it must be conquered! But it can only be conquered with the help of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Most importantly, a person must then target this area of their life with continual prayer that they be delivered from temptation! No one can resist such temptations if they entertain them! Sexual temptations become overwhelmingly powerful. People must learn to practice strict custody of their eyes in public; and they must learn to recognize the evil spirit of lust who constantly creeps at the door of their imagination.

Have mercy on me, O **יהוה** (Yahuah), according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O **יהוה** (Yahuah), and renew a steadfast Ruach (spirit) within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Ruach HaKodesh from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing Ruach (spirit), to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from blood guilt, O **יהוה** (Yahuah), the Aluah (God) who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O **יהוה** (Yahuah), open my lips, and my mouth will declare your Halal (praise). You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of **יהוה** (Yahuah) are a broken Ruach (spirit); a broken and contrite heart, O **יהוה** (Yahuah), you will not despise. **Psalm 51:1-17**