

**SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS OF PRE-MARITAL SEX, PREGNANCY AND
ABORTION,**

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ABSTRACT

Several nuseating things are happening in our society. Some of these problems include pre-marital sex, pregnancy and abortion. This paper addressed the spiritual implications of these problems by explaining what they are, the causes, their social as well as spiritual implications and how best to eradicate them.

INTRODUCTION

The moral laws of God, the God of holiness and love as regards sanctity of sex and of marriage and the family the ordained unit of the society has always been denied and trampled upon by man whom He created in His our image, to live and act according to his dictates.

It is the desire of God as recorded in His holy book (the Bible) for man to live a holy life because God Himself is Holy (I Pet. 1 15:16). But man has always chosen the way of the darkness because His deeds are perceptually evil.

Some of these evil deeds, which have consistently nuseated God are, pre marital sex, pre-marital pregnancy, abortion and a host of others. Nigerian society and in-fact our ivory towers are full of people especially ladies who have constituted themselves into God's enemies by carrying out these evil deeds. Pre-marital sex and abortion are incessantly carried out by girls in Nigerian schools, colleges, and higher institutions.

Pre-marital sex, simply means, sex before marriage. It is the sexual relations among the unmarried.

Abortion is an accidental or planned miscarriage. We are considering the planned abortion, such that is deliberately carried out between unmarried people.

Causes of Premarital Sex, Pregnancy and Abortion

1. Bad company, the Yoruba adage says “agutan to ba ba aja rin yio je gbe,” that is, a sheep that keep dog as its companions with a dog will eventually eat excreta.
2. Exposure to phonographic films and printed materials like magazines, books, etc. Having read some pace setter books and some films that pollute the mind or stimulates sexually, a girl may decide to find out more by going in for the act. What has been assimilated will be put into practice.
3. Sexual urge emanating from the natural development witnessed by girls. Some girls who find it difficult to control themselves result into lesbianism (female and female coming together to relate sexually) or go into hotels to satisfy this urge.
4. Fear of failure in school. Some girls for fear of failure lured lecturers into having sexual intercourse with them and sometimes when girls are sexually harassed by lecturers they succumb because they want to make their papers.
5. Provocative dresses - when such are worn by ladies it can harass men sexually thus leading to premarital sex and pregnancy.
6. Bad precedence from parents. Some parents indulge themselves in extra - marital activities. Hence, the daughters wouldn't see anything wrong in engaging in such evil deeds.
7. Poverty - In order to have what it takes to live a meaningful life, many girls sell out their bodies to sugar daddies and boys very cheaply.
8. Inability to resist the temptation that comes from the devil causes many to go into pre-marital sex and abortion.

Many girls go in for abortion because:

1. They want to avoid the shame attached to pregnancy before marriage.
2. They are yet to complete their education and the child will serve as a barrier.
3. They are not matured enough (emotionally, financially and physically) to be a mother.
4. They are ignorant of its spiritual implications.

God's Attitude Towards Pre-Marital Sex, Pregnancy and Abortion

1. Sex is God's idea. He created man as male and female Gen. 1:27.
2. God sees sex and sexuality as good Gen. 1:31 it is inherently good and not dirty before God.
3. Sex is to be enjoyed within marriage. Both fornication (Pre-marital sex) and adultery (sex outside ones marriage) are sinful because they ignore this divine principle.

Sex is meant to be practiced among married couples. People that are legally, traditionally and spiritually joined together. Anything outside this arrangement is not acceptable to God. It amounts to violation of God's law and order. It becomes a rebellious act.

Reasons Why God Gave the Gift of Sex

1. For procreation - God told Adam and Eve our first parents to be fruitful and multiply.
2. For creation - A source of celebration, joy and mutual pleasure. It is to build an atmosphere of intimacy among couples, not the unmarried.
3. It is designed to heal broken relationship between husband and wife and helps in cementing transparency in all ramifications.

Christian philosophers like St Augustine (354 - 430 A.D.) and Thomas Aquinas (1224 - 74 A.D.) stressed that sex should be for the right purpose (procreation) with the right person (lawfully wedded spouses) and in the right way. Hence, girls who are unmarried and have chosen the way of fornication for the sake of satisfying sexual urge or otherwise are treading a path different from what is known within the Christian circle.

Spiritual Implications of Pre-Marital Sex, Pregnancy and Abortion

These evil deeds are purely anti-Christ behaviours. They are actions that emanated from the seat of the devil the commander of everything evil.

1. Doers of the evil deeds will know no peace because there is no peace for the wicked.
2. Such people cannot truly experience God because He is holy (Heb. 12: 14 and without holiness it is impossible to see God. What is the essence of a person being born into this world if at the end he/she will not see or live with God?
3. These are sins committed against the body. Our bodies are the temple of God. Where God is dwelling 1 cor. 6:18-19. Says: Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the living God? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the member of a harlot: God forbid. He that defiles God's temple will not receive favour from God. Whatever she gathers through this polluted way will eventually be scattered by the giver the devil.
4. Since abortion amounts to murder whoever terminates a pregnancy is a murderer and a killer. A life created by God is destroyed in the process. It is an unrighteous act before God. We have several passages of the bible pointing to the judgment of God over such people such as Matt 15: 19; I Cor 6:9, Rev. 21:8: Eph. 5: 5-6

The fornicators, killers of babies (murderers), idolaters, liars, thieves' extortioners etc., Shall not inherit the kingdom of God. They are all enemies of God. God may decide to accommodate you for a while but eventually you will receive nothing from God except destruction.

Eternal domination awaits people that go in for pre-marital sex, pregnancy and abortion. Such callous, wicked and demoralizing behaviours will not go unpunished.

On a general note, such act leads to:

1. Incurable disease Ex. 15: 20. The diseases of the Egyptians will not fall on those that please God. Egyptians here refers to those who go into evil acts. But if you indulge in them you will get yourself into a great bondage of AIDS, Gonorrhoea, syphilis, etc. This will put under perpetual turmoil.
2. Source of pride for women is lost once she is disvirgined
3. You will become worn-out and haggard looking older than your age.
4. Lack of respect from your sex partner whom you are not yet married to.
5. You can lose your life in the process of aborting a child and you will not have any place with God, so you go into hell, a place of torture. (Story of a girl that aborted a child found herself in hell, Hearing the sound of her dead child).
6. Your organ for pregnancy can be infected or destroyed for life. Hence, chances of having children later in life become slim.
7. You are seen as wayward and a sell-out by other people living around you. It becomes a stigma on you and your family when you are pregnant outside marriage.
8. When you are empty you may not get anybody to marry you later.

THE WAY OUT

To get out of this messy situation according to God's word, you need to:

1. Confess such sins to God and He will deliver you from them (Jesus and the adulterous woman Jn. 8: 1: 11)
2. Do not be ignorant of the luring or devices of the devil.
3. Resist the devil I pet. 5:9

4. Flee fornication that is, run away, retreats from, shun premarital sex.
5. Be friend God's word, feed your heart and mind with it. The spirit of God will fill you. So that you will not fulfill the desires of the devil.
6. Seek for deliverance if you are already addicted. The spirit behind incessant pursuance of sex will be destroyed.
7. When you are lured by lecturers, refuse them, and seek for guidance and intervention from female lecturers.
8. To prevent the evil deeds, pray for provisions for you to go into marriage. I cor. 7:2 says To prevent fornication let people go into marriage. Rather than precocious entrance into sex, go in for marriage.

CONCLUSION

Sex is good, but it is meant for people that are married. When people who are yet to marry go into it, sometimes lead to unwanted pregnancies often terminated. God's desire is for girls to keep themselves pure and acceptable before Him. This will keep us focused spiritually and our lives will be ordered and perfected by God. Do not go into what is already planned for you when the time is not yet ripe. Abstaining from the evils of immorality will enhance your image among friends and earn you a ticket for progress, peace and up-liftment from God.

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