

Doctrine of Whoredom

1. Whoredom is a great sin in *Scripture*. There is physical whoredom and there is spiritual whoredom.
 - Physical whoredom is a form of prostituting the body. *Genesis 38:24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.*
 - Spiritual whoredom is found in the worship of false gods such as Molech. *Leviticus 20: 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones...5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.*
2. A common word for whoredom in the *Old Testament* is *zanah* (zaw-naw') which literally means to be “highly-fed” and therefore “wanton” meaning “hard to control, lewd, merciless, wasteful. The word means simply to commit adultery (usually of the female, and less often of simple fornication, rarely of involuntary ravishment). Figuratively, the word is used to mean to commit idolatry (the Jewish people being regarded as the spouse of Jehovah):
3. In church history literal and physical sexual sins have never been divorced from the spiritual worship of false gods for the pagan deities invited ritual sexual sins. Even into *New Testament* times the church of Corinth was challenged with temple prostitutes.
4. So depraved is the heart of some parents they will sell their children in prostitution. One form of this was and is the arranged marriages of children for money.
 - *Leviticus 19:29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.*
5. Sexual sins were powerful among the people of the Exodus generation. Though redeemed by the blood of the lamb, though guided by God day and night, the children of Israel found time and opportunity to engage in sexual perversion of their bodies.
 - *Numbers 25:1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.*
6. Centuries past but the sins of one generation were passed on to another. In the seventh century BC the prophet Jeremiah cried against the sins of the covenant people.

- *Jeremiah 3:6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. ...9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.*

7. Characteristics of a whore.

- A whore has strong sexual passions that cannot be satisfied. Like a horse sniffing the wind the whore neighs to be turned loose to unite with any lover that will take her indiscriminately. *Jeremiah 13:27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! Wilt thou not be made clean? When shall it once be?*
- A whore will take any object in her possession and use it as a means of expressing her passion. *Ezekiel 16:17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them, Sex toys abound. Money received in payment for sexual favors is used to buy other items to be associated with the passions of pleasure.*
- A whore is insatiable in her appetites. There is never a “final time short of serious sickness, conversion or death that will stop the whore from seeking sexual pleasure. All resources will be redirected to find sexual satisfaction. *Ezekiel 16:33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.*
- A whore is without shame or honor. When questioned about moral and spiritual pollution there is no response except a defiant silence. *Ezekiel 20:30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? And commit ye whoredom after their abominations?*
- A whore cannot simply transfer to a new location and be fundamentally and forever different. Her past will follow her passions. *Ezekiel 23:8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.*
- A whore disengages her mind from her lovers so that her actions are self centered. *Ezekiel 23:17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.*
- A whore cares for nothing in life but sexual sins. They consume her as nothing else can. *Hosea 4:10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.*

- A whore does not care whoever else may be corrupted in the process. Anyone and everyone is used. The young and innocent are invited to participate in sexual sins. *Hosea 4:13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.*
 - A whore does not care what punishment is received as long as she can return to her lusts. *Hosea 4:14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.*
 - A whore is consumed with her passions which cannot be dulled even by sour drink or any form of diversion. *Hosea 4:18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.*
 - A whore knows she cannot hide her activities from the face of God and does not even try to. *Hosea 5:3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.*
8. Only sovereign grace can change a whore. Only the Creator can make His creation again. In grace God has promised to redeem some whores so that their lewdness will cease and their passions will be subdued.
- *Ezekiel 23:27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.*
 - *Ezekiel 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.*
 - *Ezekiel 43:9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.*
9. To illustrate His own faithfulness to Israel, despite her acting like a spiritual whore God allowed one of His prophets, Hosea, to take a wife of whoredom.
- *Hosea 1:2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.*
10. For those who are sick of sin but cannot change, the road to sexual freedom and purity comes with self awareness and honesty. The heart must confess to being a physical and or spiritual whore. The prophet said, “*I have seen an horrible thing*” and the soul that would be set free must say, “*I am a horrible thing. I am a spiritual whore.*”

- *Hosea 6:10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.*

11. Men and women and young people who name the name of Christ still face sexual temptation and, if the truth were told, sexual bondage.

- Some struggle with pornography in magazines and movies.
- Some struggle with masturbation which is united with pornography.
- Some struggle with erotic literature, reading and writing it in chat rooms.
- Some struggle with inappropriate relationships which they do not leave.

12. If help is to come to souls in sexual bondage then the following must take place.

- Self must engage in self crucifixion by self condemnation. Jesus said in Matthew 16:24 *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”* Therefore, let the honest heart pray, *“Lord, I realize now I am a whore in thy sight. I have prostituted my body for pleasure. Pleasing myself is my greatest priority at times. I have received as payment the pleasure of a physical release that the body naturally responds with. With that payment I have invested it in another opportunity to do what is evil in Your sight.”*
- Self must become accountable to a spiritual person. *James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*
- Self must make no provision for sin. *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*
- Self must, by faith believe sin as a ruling principle has been dealt a death blow by Christ and need not and should not be obeyed. *Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*
- Self must purify itself by establishing a goal for the mind, being fit for the Master’s use. *2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*
- Self must make a conscience decision to pursue holiness. *Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*
- Self must place a guard over the imagination. *2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

- Self must relearn to fear God and believe in a certain judgment if sexual sin is not mastered. *Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*
- Self must walk in the light if there is to be cleansing from sin. *1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
- Self must not presume upon the grace of God to wink at sin. *Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent :*
- Self must grow to hate the sin as a doctrine for sin killed Christ and sin damns souls. Christ hates false doctrine, so must self. *Revelation 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. As a doctrine, sin justifies evil in self which is why it must be hated.*
- Self must put past evil actions behind in order to receive the grace of God and be able to press on to a nobler calling. *Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*