



Introduction

1. Sex is foundational to marriage

Matthew 19:4–6: *He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*

2. Sex is free and easy

Song of Songs 1:5-6: *I am very dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept!*

Song of Songs 8:6: *Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm...*

3. Sex flows naturally

1 Corinthians 7:3-4: *"The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does."*

Kris Lundgaard: *"The grace of God in Christ and the law of sin are the two fountains of all your holiness and sin, joy and trouble, refreshment and sorrow. If you are to work with God and glorify him in this world, you need to master both."*



4. Sex fulfills me

Christopher Ash: “The danger is that something intended to fuel our self-giving becomes an engine to drive our self-serving. The words “I love you” can mean “Actually, I love myself and I want you.” And so the very word “love” comes to have two contradictory meanings: selfish desire and genuine, caring love. When romantic love is, in reality, a mask for self-serving, it becomes—like all idols—disappointing; it can never perform for us what it promises.”¹

John Piper: “The ultimate reason (not the only one) why we are sexual is to make God more deeply knowable. The language and imagery of sexuality are the most graphic and most powerful that the Bible uses to describe the relationship between God and his people—both positively (when we are faithful) and negatively (when we are not).”²

Conclusion

¹ Christopher Ash: <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-love/>

² John Piper, “Sex and the Supremacy of Christ”: <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/sex-and-the-supremacy-of-christ-part-1>