

## Sexual Sin and the Bible

Assignment: Read the following passages and consider the questions that are posed on each. Meditate on these Scriptures prayerfully.

Psalm 51:1-4 – are you aware of how your sin affects your relationship with God?

Proverbs 7 – read this chapter and meditate on how this young man’s story relates to you.

Matt 5:27-28 – do you undervalue lust as a sin?

Rom 6:16 – the more you sin sexually, the more addicted (enslaved) you become.

1 Cor. 6:12-20 – do you see that sexual sin is a sin against yourself? Have you believed the lie that what we do with our bodies doesn’t matter? What about the promise of verse 14? Do you believe that God can raise you up to holiness?

1 John 2:15-17 – how do each of these lusts come into play in pornography?

Rom 6:12-13 – do you see that each time you get into sin you have a choice? Do you feel helpless against lust? Does God agree?

Col 3:5 – what does it mean to consider yourselves dead to immorality?

Eph 4:22-24 – deceit (believing lies) has a relation to lust. What lies are you telling yourself when you get into sin? How would you have your mind renewed? What steps could you take here?

1 Thess. 4:5 – Do you think there is a relationship between lust and “knowing God”? How could knowing God better make a difference?

Tit 3:3 – Note again the connection between lust and deception

1 Pet 1:14 – Here again, lust and ignorance are combined. Could it be that our problem is theological, and not just that we make mistakes?

1 Pet 2:11 – This is similar to 1 Cor. 6, in that this sin is destructive to the soul, the psyche, and so forth. How has indulging in sexual fantasy affected you?

And how about a word of hope to end your study?

Isa. 59:1 - " Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear."– Reflect on this verse in hope. God wants to release you from the shame and guilt of sin, and establish you in His love.