# THE BIBLE ON SEXUAL IMMORALITY

**Introduction**

The following overview of many Biblical references concerning immorality is helpful for Christians in their discussions with those who have questions about sexual morality issues, or may agree with such lifestyles. This particular overview provides overwhelming proof that God’s Word is a most helpful, constructive and reliable ‘instrument’ to use in discussions on immoral lifestyles. In a time when we, Christians, are facing a growing, anti-Christ sentiment in North American societies, could become, or are already involved, in discussions on that subject at work, within the family, and/or in one’s own church.

The author of this article, as in his book, *THE RAINBOW LETTERS: Immorality: The Church’s Achilles Heel*, 2022, is quite familiar with the tragic developments in Western Europe on this very subject and related subjects. Most churches have come to the point of having to close their church doors, including the church in the Netherlands he grew up in. The Bible is and remains the very and most reliable Guide to meet the many challenges the world brings to all followers of Jesus Christ. It is also in Him that we will receive the wisdom and strength to meet possible consequences of standing up for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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# OLD TESTAMENT

### [Genesis 1:28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1%3A28&version=ESV)

“*And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth*.”

### [Genesis 2:24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A24&version=ESV)

“*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*.”

### [Exodus 20:14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+20%3A14&version=ESV)

“*You shall not commit adultery*.”

### [Leviticus 18:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+18%3A1-30&version=ESV)5

“*And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord*.”

### [Leviticus 18:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+18%3A22&version=ESV)-23

“*You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion*.”

### [Leviticus 20:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A1-27&version=ESV)5

“*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech*.”

### [Leviticus 20:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A10&version=ESV)

“*If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death*.”

### [Leviticus 20:13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A13&version=ESV)

“*If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them*.”

### [Leviticus 20:15-16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A15-16&version=ESV)

“*If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them*.”

### [Deuteronomy 22:30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+22%3A30&version=ESV)

“*A man shall not take his father's wife, so that he does not uncover his father's nakedness*.”

### [Deuteronomy 23:17-18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+23%3A17-18&version=ESV)

“*None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, and none of the sons of Israel shall be a cult prostitute. You shall not bring the fee of a prostitute or the wages of a dog into the house of the Lord your God in payment for any vow, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God*.”

### [Deuteronomy 27:21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+27%3A21&version=ESV)

“*Cursed be anyone who lies with any kind of animal.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen*.’

### [Job 31:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+31%3A1&version=ESV)

“*I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?*”

### [Proverbs 2:16-19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+2%3A16-19&version=ESV)

“*So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words, who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed; none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life*.”

### [Proverbs 4:23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+4%3A23&version=ESV)

“*Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life*.”

### [Proverbs 5:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+5%3A1-6&version=ESV)5

“*My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol*.”

### [Proverbs 5:18-19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+5%3A18-19&version=ESV)

“*Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love*.”

[Proverbs 6:26](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A26&version=ESV)-29

“*For the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread, but a married woman hunts down a precious life*. *Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished*.”

### [Proverbs 6:32](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A32&version=ESV)

“*He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself*.”

### [Proverbs 7:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+7%3A1-27&version=ESV)5

“*My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and call insight your intimate friend, to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words*.”

### [Proverbs 14:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+14%3A12&version=ESV)

“*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death*.”

### [Jeremiah 23:14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+23%3A14&version=ESV)

“*But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his evil; all of them have become like Sodom to me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah*.”

**NEW TESTAMENT**

### [Matthew 5:27-28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A27-28&version=ESV)

“*You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart*.”

### [Matthew 5:32](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A32&version=ESV)

“*But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery*.”

### [Matthew 19:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+19%3A1-30&version=ESV)5

“*Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” 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*’?”

### [Matthew 19:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+19%3A9&version=ESV)

“*And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery*.”

### [Mark 7:20-23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+7%3A20-23&version=ESV)

“*And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person*.”

### [Mark 10:11-12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+10%3A11-12&version=ESV)

“*And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery*.”

### [Luke 16:18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16%3A18&version=ESV)

“*Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery*.”

### [John 8:34](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A34&version=ESV)

“*Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin*.”

### [Acts 15:20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15%3A20&version=ESV)

“*But should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood*.”

### [Acts 15:29](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15%3A29&version=ESV)

“*That you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell*.”

### [Romans 1:24-27](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A24-27&version=ESV)

“*Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error*.”

### [Romans 8:12-13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A12-13&version=ESV)

“*So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live*.”

### [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+3%3A16-17&version=ESV)

“*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple*.”

### [1 Corinthians 5:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+5%3A1-13&version=ESV)5

“*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord*.”

### [1 Corinthians 5:9-11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+5%3A9-11&version=ESV)

“*I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one*.”

### [1 Corinthians 6:9-1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+6%3A9-10&version=ESV)1

“*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God*.”

### [1 Corinthians 6:13-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+6%3A13-20&version=ESV)20

“*Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body*.”

### [1 Corinthians 6:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+6%3A1-20&version=ESV)5

“*When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers*,”

### [1 Corinthians 7:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+7%3A1-40&version=ESV)5

“*Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 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. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control*.”

### [1 Corinthians 10:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+10%3A8&version=ESV)

“*We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day*.”

### [1 Corinthians 10:13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+10%3A13&version=ESV)

“*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it*.”

### [1 Corinthians 6:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+6%3A16&version=ESV)

“*Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh*.”

### [2 Corinthians 6:14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+6%3A14&version=ESV)

“*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?*”

### [2 Corinthians 12:21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+12%3A21&version=ESV)

“*I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced*.”

### [Galatians 5:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A16&version=ESV)

“*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh*.”

### [Galatians 5:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A1-26&version=ESV)5

“*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness*.”

### [Galatians 5:19-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A19-21&version=ESV)

“*Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*.”

### [Galatians 5:24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A24&version=ESV)

### “*And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*.”

### [Ephesians 4:19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A19&version=ESV)

“*They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity*.”

### [Ephesians 5:3-5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+5%3A3-5&version=ESV)

### “*But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”*

### [Philippians 4:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A8&version=ESV)

“*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*.”

### [Colossians 3:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A5&version=ESV)

“*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry*.”

### [2 Timothy 2:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+2%3A22&version=ESV)

“So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

### [1 Thessalonians 4:3-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+4%3A3-8&version=ESV)7

“*For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness*.”

### [1 Thessalonians 4:1-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+4%3A1-18&version=ESV)5

“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how *you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to* *control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God*.”

### [Hebrews 12:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+12%3A16&version=ESV)

“*That no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal*.”

### [Hebrews 13:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+13%3A4&version=ESV)

“*Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous*.”

### [James 1:12-15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3A12-15&version=ESV)

“*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death*.”

### [1 Peter 2:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+2%3A11&version=ESV)

“*Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul*.”

### [1 Peter 3:7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3%3A7&version=ESV)

“*Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered*.”

### [James 4:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+4%3A4&version=ESV)

“*You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God*.”

### [1 John 1:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+1%3A9&version=ESV)

“*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*.”

### [1 John 2:3-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+2%3A3-4&version=ESV)

“*And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him*.”

### [1 John 2:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+2%3A16&version=ESV)

“*For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world*.”

### [Jude 1:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1%3A4&version=ESV)

“*For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ*.”

### [Jude 1:7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jude+1%3A7&version=ESV)

“*Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire*.”

### Revelation 2:14, 16a

**Jesus speaking**: *“Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality…Repent therefore!*”

Revelation 2:20-23

**Jesus speaking**: “*Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds*.”

### [Revelation 21:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21%3A8&version=ESV)

“*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 second death*.”

### [Revelation 22: 14-15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+22%3A15&version=ESV)

**Jesus speaking**: “*Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, then idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*”

Revelation 22:19

“*And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book*.”

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Total 74 Bible passages, each one of them containing one or several verses.

**The Bible Speaks**

Having read the above mentioned and vast amount of Bible verses on immoral behavior we see the clear message of God’s Word that living in a homosexual relationship is wrong and strongly condemned. It raises the question how so many Christians, including spiritual leaders who not only support such unbiblical relationships, and are leading their church members away from God’s Word and into confusion.

Many Christians are aware that in these days we are witnessing and even experiencing feverish attacks on the truth that the Bible is the divine source to provide mankind the tools to live a good and satisfying life. However, it seems that many Christians won’t to be free from certain Biblical restrictions on how to live and experience optimal satisfaction in his or her life. This fact leads us to ponder the reality of such development among Christians in the local churches.

It seems that we are experiencing an unraveling of the need to take God’s Word as the final word for living in obedience to Him. Living a satisfying and constructive life does not seem to be found in the Bible. The temptation to become free from some Biblical instructions has become for many the way to go. That Satan is tempting to lead such people away from a God-obeying life that led me to Matthew 4 in which we hear about Satan tempting Jesus to do his will, and what Jesus’ responses was to Satan’s recurring temptations.

In Matthew 4:1-10 we read how Satan tried to tempt Jesus to do what he suggested Him to do. What a challenge to have Jesus, the Son of God, do what He could do, in freedom, to demonstrate His divine power apart from His Father. In those 10 verses we read that all three times Jesus listened to Satan’s challenges to what Satan suggested Him to do apart from His Father’s approval.

What we actually learn from Jesus’ response to those three kinds of temptations is that He turned to the written Word of God by saying each time, “It is written…”

Jesus’ first response: “*It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God*.” (Matt. 4:4).

Jesus’ second response: “*It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test*.” (Matt. 4:7).

Jesus’ third response: “*Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only*.’”

It is in my opinion that the lesson, taught in Matthew 4:1-10, is unwaveringly the message to us, Christians, to be and remain obedient to the Word of God. We need to follow Jesus’ example by standing up against Satan on the bases of God’s Word. While facing many strong challenges the world throws at us, Christians and church communities need to resist him in his efforts to destroy them. Yes, Satan is challenging churches to listen to him and thereby drawing many Christians into styles of sexual behavior that oppose God’s will. Many Christians have already fallen in Satan’s trap to live a life free from so called outdated biblical warnings. But then, how outdated is opposition to God, really?

**Christian Response**

Present realities, however, tell us that Satan has significant influence in the world, and on Christians as well. We are facing the reality that a great percentage of Christians turn a deaf ear to the overwhelming warnings in the Bible not to engage in immoral behavior. How is it that in many churches spiritual leadership also turn a deaf ear to the many warnings in the Bible not to follow the ways?

What is the real motivation of so many Christians not to be restricted by what the Bible explicitly tells us not to do. What is it that drives Christians to ignore Jesus Christ’s serious warning concerning immorality and follow their own desire to live the way they desire? How is it possible that many Christian leaders, pastors, council members, don’t use the Bible to guide and teach their congregations to remain obedient to Jesus?

In all this commotion about immoral lifestyles we need to remember how Jesus stood up for us by His suffering prior to His crucifixion as we read in Matthew 27:

“*The governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium…They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again*.” Matt. 27:27-30.

Immediately following that humiliating treatment Jesus was then being led away to Golgotha to be crucified. That immense painful and deeply humiliation event during three hours, Jesus finally cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani*?” which means, *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* (Matt. 27:46).

Remember that Jesus went through all that agony of great suffering to enable us to live for Him with gratefulness and obedience to His will. Jesus endured that serious, most excruciating suffering for mankind’s salvation. Therefore, let us stand with Jesus and His Word by following Him while listening to Him, instead of showing arrogance by ignoring Jesus, who stood up against Satan manipulating suggestions, as he, today, suggests that it is OK doing what you feel doing. Think about this in light of Matthew 4:1-10.

It seems that a vast majority of those living in North America have no knowledge of what has happened in Western Europe some 20-40 years ago. During those years, hundreds of churches per month had to close their doors. We already hear of the splitting of congregations, and even of denominations on our North-American continent over this issue of immoral behavior.

Please take note that Christianity in Western Europe has almost been wiped out. Now, Satan, with so much experience concerning his triumphant work in Western Europe, is trying to accomplish the same thing on this N.A. continent. He will undoubtedly succeed if we, Christians, don’t stand up against him by standing up for Jesus no matter what the consequences are going to be.

After 20 years of working as a mechanical and industrial engineer in both the Netherlands and Canada before the Lord let me into pastoral ministry, I realize fully well that one may find it quite inconvenient, may be even difficult to work in an office with those who have accepted immoral lifestyles as normal. Christians in most work environments will face inconvenient situations when living up to Jesus’ expectations. However. Jesus also knows about your specific situation at work and the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to deal with opposing, even belligerent situations. Local churches need to be ready to assist and support brothers and sisters in the Lord in such situations.

**Not Peace But Division** (Luke 12:51-53)

51 *“Do you think I (Jesus) came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division*. 52 *From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.* 53 *They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law*.”

**Following Jesus Unequivocally** (John 14:23-26)

23 *Jesus replied (to Judas Iscariot), “If anyone loves Me, he will obey My Teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him*. 24 *He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent me.* 25 *“All this I have spoken while still with you*. 26 *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

**More Than Conquerors** (Romans 8:28-30)

28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose*. 29 *For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers*. 30 *And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified*.”

**The Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10-13)

10 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power*. 11 *Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.* 12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms*. 13 *Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand.* 14 *Stand firm then, with*…(verses 14-18).

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P.S. More on immorality in my already published book: “*THE RAINBOW LETTERS: Immorality: The Church’s Achilles Heel.”* Furthermore, in my book: “*THE ROYAL DEAL: Making the Case for the One Everlasting Church,”* this very subject of sexual immorality will be further discussed, as it remains a still ongoing subject of discussion. However, this book is not yet published, hopefully by the end of this year 2023.