

Pornography and the uncontrolled lust promoted by images or stories (Matt. 5:28), along with any other form of sexual immorality, are ways in which God's good design for sex, marriage, and motherhood is under attack.

Responding to the Modern Assault on Mothers

Selected Scriptures

1. **The Blessed Intentionality of Mothers**

Family has always been at the center of God's design for mankind from the beginning. It was through the growing of the family that the creation mandate was to be fulfilled (Gen. 1:28). The family ought to be assumed as the centrally important societal unit in all areas and at all times (cf. Gen. 1:28; Deut. 24:5; Isa. 65:17-23; Jer. 29:4-7; 1 Cor. 9:4-6).

2. **The Assault on Mothers and Motherhood**

Families are central to the plan of God, and the family is under attack from the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is important for Christians to recognize these threats and to respond to them in ways that honor the Lord.

A. **The Assault on _____**

God did not design people to live in individual isolated solitude, men and women are designed to live together with one another in marriage (Gen. 2:18-25). God's design for marriage is the lifelong, heterosexual, monogamous, union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24). Children are the natural, normal, and predictable outworking of the marital relationship. Before sin entered the world, marriage would have been permanent. Sin brought about death which ends the marital bond (Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:39), and sin opened the door for the pre-mature destruction of marriage (Matt 19:3ff; cf. Mal. 2:16).

B. **The Assault on _____**

God designed for sex only to be experienced within the marriage relationship. Any deviation from this pattern is expressly forbidden by the Lord (Ex. 20:14). The Lord often describes man's faithlessness to Him in terms of adultery (cf. Hos. 1:2), and the seductive harlot is a picture of someone who promises only good pleasure while delivering only death and hardship (Prov. 5:3-6, 15-23).

C. **The Assault on _____**

The assault upon mothers is even now rising to a fundamental erasure of language. The Bible is clear that God has made two, and only two sexes (Gen. 1:27; 5:12; Matt 19:4). There are clear and intentional distinctions between the sexes which are necessary for procreation and these distinctions are to be maintained in society; any blurring of the lines between male and female is an attack upon the created order of God (cf. Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:14-15).

D. **The Assault on _____**

The ritualistic sacrificial murder of children in a society was abhorrent to the Lord and it is one of the justifiable reasons for the annihilation of the Canaanite cultures (cf. Deut. 12:31). This horrendous wickedness is was never to be part of the life of a people who follow the Lord (cf. Jer. 7:31). All children are a gift of the Lord (Ps. 127:3-5). They are formed and known in the wombs of their mothers (Ps. 139:13-16). All victims of abortion, just like all children who die in miscarriage or who die in some other way during the early years of their life, are ushered into the peaceful presence of the Lord (cf. Job. 3:11-13).

3. **The High Value of Motherhood**

Motherhood is honorable and is to be commended and encouraged by the church family while it is modeled and taught by the older to the younger (Titus 2:3-5). The spiritual and educational investment that mothers make in the lives of their children is vital (cf. Deut. 6:6-8). The investment of a godly mother is of immeasurable worth both for the individual child as well as for the future family of that child (cf. 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15).