God created man and saw that man needed a helpmate. God then blessed Adam with a mate who would help complete him. God has created man with a need for woman. God could have chosen to create man differently, but in His divine wisdom, He made man incomplete. Woman was crafted in such a way that she uniquely meets man’s needs. She brings emotional completeness and is able to labor alongside him. Her gifts are different from, but complementary to, his gifts, and she is able to meet his physical needs uniquely. Also, God intended for humans to procreate and He chose to make this a pleasing experience for both man and woman. (Gen 2:21-25)

Adam and Eve made a choice to sin against God. This choice caused the perfect creation that God had intended to become cursed. This curse affected the relationship that man and woman experience. God designed human sexuality to be purposeful and pleasing; however, sin has the ability to distort what was meant to be good. The human tendency toward selfishness can make sexual intimacy an action of taking rather than giving. This attitude creates a divisive rather than complementary relationship that can lead mates to look outside their marriages to satisfy their sexual appetites.

God intended for humans to be faithful to their mates. He established in Exodus 20:14 that humans should not engage in adultery. God knew that trust and loyalty are important to both man and woman. Since sexual activity is so intimate, involving much more than just the physical body, God knew that humans would be harmed if they engaged in sex with any person other than their mate (DJ, loc 3928 of 4471). Also, sexual behavior is intended for procreation within a committed family relationship. Pregnancies occurring outside of marriage create emotional trauma for the sexual partners, and also put the newly created child at risk. Therefore, biblical sexuality is confined to the marriage relationship.

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