Biblical Circumcision

Circumcision is the cutting away of the foreskin of the pe­nis. Biblically, this is to be done when a boy is eight days of age. Circumcision is symbolic of the spiritual covenant that marks an in­dividual as belonging to God. It signifies the removal of anything that will hinder spiritual intercourse with God (see Deut. 30:6; Phil. 3:3).

In circumcision God dedicates the male sex organ to Himself for three reasons. First, it is the earthly source of creative life. Second, it affects future generations, thus shaping history. Third, God desires that it be wholly submitted to Him.

The Law of Circumcision

It is important to understand that God deals with mankind only on the basis of covenant. There are five common areas of activity that promote spiritual covenants. These include sorcery (which may be entered into via drug use), idolatry, the occult, sexual intercourse, and true worship. These five areas are doors into the spiritual realm.

In ancient times men entered into sacred covenants in what we would view as an unusual way. We see this in the account of Abraham and his servant (see Gen. 24). Abraham asked his most trusted ser­vant to go back to the land of his father to choose a wife for his son Isaac. He made his servant swear that he would not choose a Canaanite woman for Isaac. In binding the servant to the oath, Abraham did something that we would find offensive, even shocking, in our cul­ture today. Abraham requested that his servant take hold of Abra­ham’s penis (“thigh”), and seal the agreement they had just made. The real meaning of the word translated as thigh (Strong’s #3409) probably has a sexual connotation that is now obscure.'1 (See also Genesis 32:25, 46:26, 47:29; Exodus 1:5; and Judges 8:30.)

In some ancient cultures, binding legal contractual agreements were sealed in this way. For Abraham, the organ on which God had placed His mark of ownership was a sacred endowment. The penis rep­resented a man’s beginning and his future. In essence, it was the symbol of who he was and what he would be. In earthly terms, a man could swear by nothing greater than his penis.

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Sexual Intercourse

The sacredness associated with a man’s sexuality is further illustrated by the fact that, for the Hebrews, cas­tration was a crime punished by ex- communication (see Deut. 23:1).

It is interesting to note that the word testament literally means “a covenant (with God); a witness” (Latin). From the ancient word tes­tament, we get the word testicle. The testicles are that portion of the male organ that produce sperm. They are the two oval structures lo­cated beneath the penis in the scrotal sack. The testicles (literally, “witness of the covenant”) hold symbolic meaning. In the ancient Hebrew mind, a man entered into sacred covenant with his penis and the (two) testicles were “witnesses” of that union and covenant. In Scripture, the number two is sym­bolic of witness. A man’s testicles, symbolizing his future genera­tions, stood as witness to the bind­ing covenants that he entered. These future generations were bound to the same covenants that their father had entered (see Gen. 17:7-11).

Furthermore, the word coitus, from the Latin coire, means “to contract (or enter) into covenant with someone” (Latin convenire).7

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Also, the word copulate, from the Latin copulare, signifies “union, or a binding together.” Thus, we can see that the sexual act is a covenantal act. This activity brings you into a sacred, spiritually binding con­tract with your partner. Coitus is a sacred blood covenant. In the Old Testament blood covenants were life and death contracts. They were to be entered into with a so­ber mind and sincere heart. When these contracts were broken, the penalty was death. Blood cove­nants such as coitus are spiritual contracts that have an eternal im­pact on the plans and purposes of God. There are several spiri­tual lessons we can glean from this understanding:

1. Covenant with God begins at the level of your sexuality.

When your sexuality is yielded to God, you are yielded in totality (includ­ing your past……..