



# Church of Perth Intercessory Team

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14*

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## FLOUTING GOD'S MORAL LAWS

A joyful, peaceful and holy life involves a right relationship with God the Father who called us, God the Son who died for us and God the Spirit who lives within us. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes our body the temple of God (1 Cor. 6.19-20). It is our surrendering to pride and self yielding and abiding in the Spirit that we get victory over the lust of the flesh (Gal.5.16), for no flesh glorifies God. To despise and flout God's moral laws is to invite the judgement of God and also to grieve the Spirit of our Living God. Our society and nation are reaping what we have been sowing – flouting God's moral laws!

Today they call it the sexual revolution. Previous attitudes to premarital and extra marital sex have done a complete somersault. The standards of the Bible are now brazenly flouted. The kiss of the fifties has become the sexual intercourse of the last few decades. The time when chastity was regarded as a virtue more precious than life itself has completely disappeared. Girls of today have been cheated of their God-given heritage. They no longer even blush. The shame of fornication and its consequences have been whitewashed. There is no encouragement to "go to your husband a virgin". If it feels good it must be right.

For the last two decades school children have been victims of a devious scheme to rob them of their virtue in the name of sex education. While teaching "the facts of life" humanistic education authorities have opened up a Pandora's box of promiscuity and permissiveness. Pupils have been exposed to the full gamut of sexuality—contraception, reproduction, venereal diseases, abortion, AIDS etc. Both boys and girls openly discuss sexual relationships in class, handle condoms and are told to be careful not to catch AIDS. There is no area proscribed, except the moral one. These "sexperts" seem to assume that this type of teaching will bring sexual happiness – the result is just the opposite. Since the advent of sex education schoolgirl promiscuity has soared along with teenage pregnancies, abortions, venereal diseases, drugs, dysfunctional families and suicide! Well, what else could we expect when we flout God's moral laws?

The main aim of most sex education is to teach youngsters how to enjoy fornication (not the word they use) without becoming pregnant, feeling guilty or catching AIDS. Naturally these courses foster acceptance of deviant activities such as homosexuality and lesbianism which do not produce. It all comes at a price. Of all the detrimental effects that follow on from sex education not the least is the destruction of our daughters' natural modesty. This inbuilt defence against promiscuous behaviour is broken down as young impressionable minds are taught sexual techniques, the private parts of the body and how to handle contraceptives in a mixed group of boys and girls. God has told us clearly, "abstain from fornication" and no amount of liberal theology or modern philosophy can alter it. Throughout the Bible God warns against sexual sin and these warnings must be heeded.

We are a sex-mad society. Along with our hedonistic materialism must be linked our obsession with sex as our main idols. Sex dominates our newsstands, magazines, films, videos, telephones, internet and commercials. It is like a cancer running amok through our media and community at large. Moral laws of decency and decorum are brazenly flouted. Even the latest dress fashions feature bare-breasted models and our beaches are dotted with semi and nude bodies in the name of sexual freedom. Marriage is constantly defiled by the media and consequently in society at large even though the Bible declares, "Marriage should be honoured by all and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all who are sexually immoral". (Hebrews 13:4)

“Shacking up”, “de facto relationships” and “partners” are merely euphemisms for fornication and adultery. Not to mention the media’s flippant treatment of homosexuality, a detestable practice to God and a recipient of His wrath. No wonder one in two marriages ends in divorce and dysfunctional families abound.

Where will this sexual revolution end? As with other past cultures that have removed restraint and adopted free sex as an expression of “true freedom” ours too will crumble from within. Beauty may appear external but true beauty is on the inside, “the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit is of great worth in God’s sight”. The sexual revolution has reversed this order and what is the result? Because we have flouted God’s values – self-control, discipline, respect for others – we are fast becoming a depraved society. No wonder so many sex crimes are being committed. No wonder our streets are not safe at night. No wonder women and girls are seen as sex objects to be used and abused.

Until we get our moral relationship in right standing with God’s Word, we will continue to abuse the God-ordained place for each sex in His infinite plan for the welfare of the human race. Then, and only then, shall we see a return to the innocence (shyness) and beauty of romantic love with its qualities of care and respect – indeed a return to the whole Christian ethic that will turn us from the present course to ultimate calamity, for while we flagrantly flout His laws on sexual morality we are headed for His divine judgement. We *must* heed this solemn warning and promise: “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit from the Spirit will reap eternal life” (Galatians 6:7). If we know what is good for us we *will* obey God’s laws!

#### OUR PRAYER

Almighty God, the God of Israel, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Abba Father filling the heavens in the omniscient power of the Holy Spirit, we come united in faith in Christ before Your throne of grace and mercy to gratefully thank You for choosing and seating us in heavenly places with and in Christ willingly abiding and yielding to the Holy Spirit to accomplish what You have willed and planned for us in Your endtime agenda on earth today. Sovereign Lord, we thank You for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that made it possible for the Holy Spirit of Truth to work in our lives so we can boldly stand in the Name of Jesus to bind the spirits of immorality, lust of the flesh, pride, hate, rebellion, fear, hypocrisy, drugs, lawlessness, crime and dysfunctional families. Spirit of the Living God, we pray You send Your Refining Fire to burn out our spirits of pride, immorality and disobedience to Your Living Word in flouting Your spiritual and moral laws in our homes, schools, society, cities and nation. Holy Spirit of the Living God, we know how much this nation-wide immoral behaviour must grieve You! Gracious Father, forgive us for our spiritual ignorance. Father, we humbly come before Your throne of mercy, standing in the gap for broken, lost and dysfunctional families in our land to experience a touch of Your Holy Spirit of fire to be released from heaven to cleanse us of all our sinful chaff. Lord God, we pray for national repentance and forgiveness for not heeding to the Holy Spirit of Truth and Your Word concerning Your moral laws and as a result are reaping dysfunctional families, lawlessness, hopelessness, drugs, crime and suicide.

Father God, we pray through Your sovereign and omniscient Spirit to help us, both, leaders and citizens to totally submit to the Lordship of JESUS CHRIST in the omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to lay hold of our inner needs of the heart to heed and obey Your Word concerning Your moral laws and keep marriage sacred and to teach all children Your Word in the Spirit of love, joy and peace. Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ righteousness and in our weaknesses, we consistently pray that from Your glorious unlimited resources, You will give us mighty inner strength through the outpouring and flowing of Your River of Life, Holy Spirit to heal the sick, the blind and the deaf. Deliver us from evil and set captives free and sweep in the lost souls into Your glorious Kingdom of love, joy and peace as we diligently serve and prepare to receive our King of Glory and Judge, JESUS CHRIST. We ask and fervently pray this in the mighty name of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. Amen

C.O.P.I.T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus’ Name. Amen and Glory.

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