

Dalrock says:

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If I follow your logic, raping a non betrothed virgin isn't a sin then. Right?

Some clarification on your question is needed before I can answer.

Does the virgins father have the right/authority to give his daughter to the man he chooses? Under the Law he has the right to sell her into slavery to be a concubine and in 1 Cor 7 Paul re-affirms the fathers right to choose to give his virgin daughter in marriage as well as his right to refuse to allow her to marry.

*I think it safe to say that we should be able to agree that according to Scripture, the father has the right to give his daughter to the man *he* chooses for her regardless of her feelings about it. If you have an objection please let me know.*

So, under that condition, is the man who gets her from her father in sin when he marries her? Just so we're clear, he marries her with the act of penetrative sexual intercourse, against her will and over her objections.

Is that man in sin for marrying his wife?

All you've done is asked me the very question I asked you. But since you asked, yes, rape is a sin, and that would include raping a virgin. But under your twisted reading of the Scripture involved, it can't be a sin. It is merely an unscheduled marriage, or if you prefer, a surprise marriage. As you put it, he "committed marriage", he didn't commit rape:

He committed to marriage with the act of marriage with an eligible virgin, an irreparable and permanent act. He is married to her and he is being forced to carry out the attendant duties as well.

So (and again under your logic, not mine), we might say that we think scheduled marriages are better than surprise marriages, but we can't call it sin. After all, the verses in question are according to you regulating surprise marriages, not prescribing punishment. They tell us what the divorce laws are for surprise marriages, and what the bride price should be. And as you have explained, God doesn't regulate sin:

*God regulated prostitution in the Law.
God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it.
God did not prohibit prostitution.*

So (per your logic) rape (surprise marriage) can't be a sin. We could as easily say:

*God regulated surprise marriage in the Law.
God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it.
God did not prohibit surprise marriage.*