

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES  
INTO THE HEART OF

The 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:7**

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

The 4<sup>th</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:8**

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

The 5<sup>th</sup>. Commandment (horizontal)

**Exodus 20:12**

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

The 6<sup>th</sup>. Commandment (horizontal)

**Exodus 20:13**

“You shall not murder.

The 7<sup>th</sup>. Commandment (horizontal)

**Exodus 20:14**

“You shall not commit adultery.

**PETER GOMES**, then Chaplain of Harvard tells the story of when Mother Teresa of Calcutta, came to Harvard before her death to receive an honorary degree. When she rose to speak to the assembled graduates in Harvard Yard, - many of whom had been aided by a bit of alcohol, waited to her speak. *“Young people, there is nothing more important than for you to be chaste.”* The graduates sat for a moment in a befuddled silence, unsure of what she was talking about. *“You must be chaste; your body is a temple,”* she continued. Some audience members brightened up and said to one another, *“Yea, I want to be chased! Sure, chase me all you want!”* Hoots and shouts of praise accompanied the rest of Mother Teresa’s speech as she spoke about personal purity. Sadly very few if any understood what she was talking about.

CS Lewis said in ***Mere Christianity***, “Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues. There is no getting away from it: the Christian rule is, ‘Either marriage with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence.’ Now this is so difficult and so contrary to our human instincts that obviously either Christianity is wrong or our sexual instinct as it is has gone wrong. One or the other. I being a Christian, must conclude that it is our human instinct which has gone very wrong.”

## The “Thou Shalt Not’s” of the Bible Are not here to destroy us, but to protect us

In our previous study in this - The 7<sup>th</sup>. Commandment we looked at the current, contemporary damages and danger of what breaking this commandment does. We also looked at redefining of adultery – as an affair. Just a little spice added to my life”

The 7<sup>th</sup>. Commandment ([horizontal](#))

**Exodus 20:14**

“You shall not commit adultery.

**Matt. 5:17-18**

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

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## THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

INTO THE HEART OF GOD

### 1.) What is adultery ?

**Exodus 20:14**

“You shall not commit adultery.

This is both a commandment (not to do this thing) and a precept (obedience to it results blessings) - to avoid or prevent this sin.



**Adultery:** נִאֲפָה *na'aph*, *naw-af'*; to commit a severing, a void. The act of apostasy; to break, cut off, forsake, abandon one's belief, faith, or allegiance to God.

## Adultery is The Ripping Away of Your **Trichotomy**

### 1Th. 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 1Cor. 6:15-18

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! :16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” :17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. :18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

## Adultery is The Violation of Your **Unification**

With your **God** - With your **Spouse** - With your **Family**.

In Marriage There is That **Exclusive Union**  
Ordained by God Himself.

### Mark 10:9

Therefore **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**”

### Matt. 19:5

“*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?*” :6 So then, **they are no longer two but one flesh...**

### Song 6:3

**I am my beloved's,** And my beloved is mine.

### Matt. 5:31-32

“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ :32 **But I say to you** that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except **sexual immorality** causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced (*knowing about his/her sin*) commits adultery.

# Adultery is The Pathway To The **Destruction**

## Wise Advice From Solomon

### Prov. 6:24-7:27

These commands and this teaching will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of an adulterous woman. :25 Don't lust for her beauty. Don't let her coyness seduce you. :26 For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, and sleeping with another man's wife may cost you your very life. :27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned? :28 Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? :29 So it is with the man who goes into another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished... 7:4 Love wisdom like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family. :5 Let them hold you back from an affair with an immoral woman, from listening to the flattery of an adulterous woman. :6 I was looking out the window of my house one day :7 and saw a simpleminded young man who lacked common sense.....

...:8 He was crossing the street near the house of an immoral woman. He was strolling down the path by her house :9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in. :10 The woman approached him, dressed seductively and sly of heart. :11 She was the brash, rebellious type who never stays at home. :12 She is often seen in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner. :13 She threw her arms around him and kissed him, and with a brazen look she said, :14 "I've offered my sacrifices and just finished my vows. :15 It's you I was looking for! I came out to find you, and here you are! :16 My bed is spread with colored sheets of finest linen imported from Egypt. :17 I've perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. :18 Come, let's drink our fill of love until morning. Let's enjoy each other's caresses, :19 for my husband is not home. He's away on a long trip. :20 He has taken a wallet full of money with him, and he won't return until later in the month." :21 So she seduced him with her pretty speech. With her flattery she enticed him. :22 He followed her at once, like an ox going to the slaughter or like a trapped stag, :23 awaiting the arrow that would pierce its heart. He was like a bird flying into a snare, little knowing it would cost him his life. :24 Listen to me, my sons, and pay attention to my words. :25 Don't let your hearts stray away toward her. Don't wander down her wayward path. :26 For she has been the ruin of many; numerous men have been her victims. :27 Her house is the road to the hell. Her bedroom is the den of death.

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2.) Why is adultery wrong ?

It's a profound spiritual dislocation of unity.

It's an ongoing cancer unless it's killed

It's a poison that goes from one relation to the next

Understand that, the devil doesn't care about the "Sex" factor of adultery. Satan cares more about the spiritual & physical damage adultery causes to you and God and to you because it creates a grand canyon of loss, division and condemnation.

**Prov. 5:1-14**

My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, :2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. :3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; :4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. :5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. :6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. :7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. :8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, :9 lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, :10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house. :11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. :12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! :13 I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. :14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin

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### 3.) Avoiding adultery ?

#1

Be devoted to God - allow no opportunity for adultery

**2Sam. 11:1**

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah.

But David remained at Jerusalem.

#2

Make sure you guard your eyes the most

**2Sam. 11:2**

:2 Then **it happened** one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof **he saw a woman** bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

#3

Exercise your God given authority over your mind and body

**2Sam. 11:3**

:3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eli'am, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

#4

Never abuse what the LOTD has entrusted you to do in life.

**2Sam.11:4**

Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

## The Presence of Evil Should Alert The Christian To Impending Disaster

### Matt. 5:27-30

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’  
:28 But I say to you that whoever **looks** at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her **in his heart**. :29 If your **right eye** causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. :30 And if your **right hand** causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

### 2Tim. 2:22

**Flee** also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.



**Flee** φεύγω **pheugo**, *fyoo´-go*; to shun, flench, to escape from. to become a runaway

### 1Th. 5:22

**Abstain** from every form of evil.



**Abstain** ἀπέχομαι **apechomai**, *ap-ekh´-om-ahee*; to hold yourself back or away from something desired.

Be Careful That Our Culture Doesn't Overrule Your God

## The Presence of Evil Should Alert The Christian To Impending Disaster

### 1Cor. 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators (*is this a choice a person make?*), nor idolaters, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor adulterers, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor homosexuals, (*is this a choice we make?*) nor sodomites, (*is this a choice a person make?*) :10 nor thieves, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor covetous, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor drunkards, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor revilers, (*is this a choice a person make?*) nor extortioners (*is this a choice a person make?*) they will not inherit the kingdom of God.



NOW NEXT WEEK IS A COMMUNION SERVICE BUT  
WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ISSUE

4.) Recovering from adultery ?

5.) Finding forgiveness of adultery ?

**2Cor. 5:17-18**

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

**Give The Invitation & Challenge**

**QUE - WORSHIP TEAM TO COME OUT  
OFFERING THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW**

**Go Off Air**

*End of Study*

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