

## 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment: "No More Shame"

Marriage is What the Commandment is About - Adultery is what it forbids

One Study USA - 1/2 of all men - 1/3 of women ADULTERY

MOST PEOPLE RESPECT THE WISDOM OF COMMAND

they are not happy about their spouse having sex with another

EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT KEEP IT

### 1. Purpose of Marriage

#### a. Companionship -

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2.18

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4.12

Missed most at widowhood

Adultery - Focus on SELF "meet my needs"

Focus on NOW "not in love anymore" LOVE IS FEELING

#### b. Commitment / Covenant - Sex + Commitment = Love

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2.23-25

LOYAL - TRUSTWORTHY - COMMITTED = Boring? Today

## Sex - CULTURE PUTS FIRST - Legalized Prostitution

"sexual problems" - deeper relationship problem

Genesis 4.1 "Adam KNEW Eve"

### Joy of Sexual Love in Marriage - REDBOOK MAGAZINE

"in all age groups - strongly religious women were the most likely to describe their marital sex as very good....Second study - no other group had better sexual relationships than those who were strongly or moderately religious...women with strong feelings against religion were the likeliest to have unhappy sexual relationships

May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.  
A loving doe, a graceful deer-- may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. Proverbs 5.18,19

### Blessing of Marriage

They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. 4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.  
1 Timothy 4.3-5

### c. Children (who will leave)

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1.28

### d. Celibacy? Not good to be alone - Christian family

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had...There were no needy persons among them. Acts 4.32,34

## FULLNESS OF HUMANITY - Celibate named Jesus

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 1 Thess 5.24

## 2. Protection of Marriage

### COMMANDMENT NOT AGAINST GOD GIVEN SEXUAL DRIVES

Right way of controlling - utilizing energy

#### a. OT Command

"You shall not commit adultery. Deut 5.18

"If a man commits adultery with another man's wife--with the wife of his neighbor--both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death. Leviticus 20.10

Command forbids sexual relations with a woman married or engaged

### DEFENSE AGAINST INTRUSION OF ANOTHER MAN INTO HOME

"It gave to every man the right to be assured that his wife was his and his alone and gave to the wife the confidence that she was the possession of one man and not the plaything of many."

#### b. NT Application MARRIAGE COVENANT

##### 1. Holy Marriage Bed

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7.3,4

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13.4

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.  
1 Corinthians 6:18-20

## 2. Divorce

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He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."  
Mark 10.11,12

## 3. Fornication

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;  
1 Thessalonians 4.3-5

## 4. Masturbation

### SEX IS FOR RELATIONSHIPS - NOT EGO TRIPS

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1 Thessalonians 4.4

the fruit of the Spirit is ...self-control.  
Galatians 5.23

## 5. Homosexuality -

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one

another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Romans 1.26,27

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinth 6.9-11

We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for adulterers and perverts, 1 Timothy 1.9,10

### 3. Plot of Adultery - 2 Samuel 11

#### DAVID AND BATHSHEEBA

Honest Picture / man of God / Bible - tells whole story

a. Encounter - Idle Time - TV SOAPS - MAGAZINES

Proverbs 7

- Obedience -

- Lust - birds can fly overhead w/out landing in your hair

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. 2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful 2 Sam 11:1-2

## LOOK / LUST

With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; 2 Peter 2.14

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. Job 31.1

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5.27-32

### b. Escapade - Linger

He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. Heb 11.25 pleasure in sin...for a short time

For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. Proverbs 5.3-5

Society - PRIVATE MATTER - TWO CONSENTING ADULTS

### c. Entanglement – Lies - Excuses / right, therapy, innocent

- Consequences / v. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7.26,27

An evil man is snared by his own sin, but a righteous one can sing and be glad.  
Proverbs 29.6

you may be sure that your sin will find you out. Numbers 32.23

#### 4. Picture in Marriage

##### a. Need for Intimacy

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.  
My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor.  
Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve,  
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the  
sun.  
Ecclesiastes 2.10,11

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but  
whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him  
will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4.13,14

##### b. Beyond Human Satisfaction

Song of Solomon - literal and figurative

SEX IS SIGNPOST - folly of camping by the sign post

Mystical Union

"happiness of being freely and voluntarily united to God in an ecstasy of love and  
delight compared with which the most rapturous love between a man and a woman  
on this earth is mere milk and water"  
C. S. Lewis

This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. Ephes 5.32

Song of Songs

