

The 7th Commandment

A Law of Chastity

Exodus 20:14

Why Is This Commandment Needed?

- ❑ Sin has affected every part of God's creation.
- ❑ The pagan cultures of Egypt had an influence on Israel.
- ❑ The wicked religion of the Canaanites would be an awful temptation.
- ❑ The Three **HOMEWRECKERS** and **CHURCHWRECKERS**
 - Satan, the World, and the Flesh
 - Satan hates the product of a good home and a good church.
- ❑ Illustration – a stop sign.
- ❑ Everyone stop and think today.



What Is This Commandment About?

- Negatively – It is meant to prohibit adultery.
- Positively - It is meant to be a blessing to marriage.
 - God created marriage as between one man and one woman.
 - Marriage carries with it the most tender, the fairest, and the finest feelings in all humanity.
 - This commandment guards the home – builds a wall, a hedge around God's Pride and Joy.

□ Adultery in the OT

■ Physical Adultery Refers to:

- The union of male and female outside the bond of marriage.
- The almost endless list of morally perverse sexual activities in humanity. The list includes but is not limited to: fornication, homosexuality, incest, pornography, etc.

■ Spiritual Adultery

- The word is used to describe the apostasy of the Children of Israel in departing from God to false gods and false worship.
- Jeremiah 23:10; The Book of Hosea; (James 4:4)
- **However**, marriage is a picture of the opposite – the UNION between God and His people.

□ Adultery in the NT

- Physical and spiritual – the Pharisees emphasized the physical – Matt. 5:27 and Luke 18:11
- Mental – Christ emphasized another aspect. Matt. 5:28, “But I say unto you...”
- The Bible clearly explains this principle.
 - Psa. 66:18 – “If I regard iniquity in my heart...”
 - Gen. 39:7 – Potiphar’s wife saw, and then...
 - Judges 16:1 – Samson saw a harlot and then...
 - II Sam. 11:2 – David saw and looked and inquired and ...
 - Job 31:1-12 – Job’s covenant with his eyes. Why?
 - James 1:15 – “When lust has conceived...”
 - II Peter 2:14 – Eyes full of adultery

What Does This Sin Do?

- ❑ It Paints a Bleak Picture.
- ❑ It Issues a Strong Warning.
- ❑ It Furnishes a Clear Illustration.
- ❑ It Allows for a Pointed Application.



What Can I Do About My Failure?

- If it has occurred, confess it – don't cover it.
 - A rule of confession. Confess to the circle of people who know about it. Be clear, but not too explicit or mean in your confession.
 - A rule of forgiveness for both. Grant it! Accept it! Then in the tough days ahead remember that you did so!
 - A rule of recovery for both. Live your confession. Live your forgiveness. Love. Help. Change. Live with your mate. Be helpfully firm in changes that need to be made. Don't use it as an excuse for divorce – separation is not final, but leaves a door of hope open for recovery. Build bridges AND walls. Use care to destroy future opportunities to fall.
 - A rule of humility – “God's grace and mercy have brought you through. Quit acting as if you made it on your own.” T. D. Jakes

Praise the Lord for His Grace

□ I Corinthians 6:9-11

- Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
- nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
- And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

What Can I Do to **NOT** Fail?

- If it has or has not occurred – Be a Prevention Expert!
 - If you are in a tempting situation – flee and seek help.
 - Be as drastic as you must to be sexually pure. Mt. 5:29,30
 - The **heart** must be managed by God's Spirit. Rom. 8; Eph. 5
 - The **mind** must be saturated by good things. Phil. 4:8; Ps. 119:9,11.
 - The **body** must be controlled by the will.
 - I Cor. 6:18 – Flee immorality
 - I Cor. 9:27 – Discipline your body.
 - I Peter 5:8 – Always be on the look-out.
 - I Thess. 4:3,4 – It is God's will for you to have a pure body.
 - I Cor. 7 - If you are married don't be unavailable to your mate.
 - II Cor. 6:14 – Avoid certain people, places, and things.
 - Rom. 6:13 – Yield your body to God as a tool of right living.

Study the words of I Thess. 4:3-8

- 3 For this is the will of God - **your sanctification**: that you should **abstain** from sexual immorality;
- 4 that each of you should know how to **control his own body in sanctification and honor**,
- 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
- 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud (rob) his brother in this matter, because **the Lord is the avenger** of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.
- 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in **holiness**.
- 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us **His Holy Spirit**.

Remember...

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- Sex outside of marriage is not free. It costs...
 - Financially, Psychologically, Spiritually, Medically.
- Any sex outside of marriage is sin. I Thess. 4:3-8.
 - Illustration fire in the fireplace. Keep it where it belongs.
- God is pro-sex. He invented it.
 - Sex is special, sacred, encouraged (Prov. 5:15-20), and commanded.
- Cheaters never win. (Hebrews 13:4)
- We don't fall into second-rate sex, we slide into it.

It's Time!

- God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.

(Romans 13:8-14)

St. Augustine of Hippo

- I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am.

(II Cor. 5:21)

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A Pastor's Note:

- ❑ From one sinner to another...
- ❑ The Bible is clear that God hates our sin.
- ❑ It is also clear that He LOVES us.
- ❑ He has graciously provided for our eternal salvation and for our recovery from the guilt and pain of our sin.
- ❑ God bless you as you trust Him in your need!