

The 7th Commandment – You Shall Not Commit Adultery

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Exodus 20:14; Mt 5:27-30

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1. Protects God's design for sexuality

- Sexuality is a gift from God Gen 1:27;2:24-25; Song of Sol; Prv 5:15-19

2. What is adultery?

- Sex (real or imagined) with another person who is not your spouse
- Not just physical - Mt 5:27-28. Desire outside boundaries God designed
- Sexual pleasure within marriage is good. The danger is seeking to isolate the pleasure and seek it alone – it destroys.
- Close connection between sexuality & spirituality Eph 5; OT Jer 3:1-10; Hos 2; Ezek 16; Mal 2:10-16. Paul 1 Cor 6:13-20

3. Sexual Sin - symptom of broken culture & wrong affections

- People rightly look for love and relationship which God created humans to crave – but they buy Satan's lie and settle for sex
- Biblical example of adultery: King David (Act 13:12) 2 Sam 11-12
 - Idling, not doing what he was supposed to be doing v1
 - Sexual sin is never just about sex, always connected to rest of life, especially your relationship with God. Remember God's calling!
 - Put On: what does God desire you be doing? Flee Gen 39:12; Prv 5:8; 2 Tm 2:22
 - David should have remembered Purpose of His relationship with God:

4 Questions to Remember Who You are in Christ:

- Who is God? – He is Great, Good, Glorious, Gracious. He richly cares for me even though I don't deserve it
- What Has He Done? – He provided for Adam's sin and He provided for my sin by His own Son, Jesus.
- What is Now True? – Because of Christ, I am accepted in the Beloved, I am set free from sin just like Israel was set free from bondage
- How do I get to Respond? – I get to trust God who redeemed me and now I get to live in as His child

Repentance Illustrated When We Fail:

- First, confess sin against God: 2 Sam 12:13; 1 Jn 1:9
- Remember who God is and your sinfulness: Psalm 51:1-6
- Remember God is Gracious: Psalm 51:7-9
- God desires you to be holy & has provided cleansing Psa 51:10-12
- God's desire for believers: 1 Thes 4:3-8

Think & Discuss:

- **How often do we talk about sex being a gift from God? What happens when we make the mistake of seeing sex as something dirty or less than holy?**
- **Adultery is defined as sex (real or imagined) with another person who is not your spouse. What are all the ways that we violate God's 7th command?**
- **If sexual pleasure within marriage is good and a gift from God what are the implications for parents teaching their children about sex and relationships?**
- **How is sex a cheap substitute for relationship? How does that relate to adultery, homosexuality, etc.?**
- **Read 2 Sam 11-12. Where did David go wrong? What could David have done to turn back to holiness?**
- **We all sin. Work through the repentance illustrated point.**
- Amazed by the Gospel Homework:
Can you explain the gospel in less than 2 minutes? 30 seconds?
What passages might you use? 2 Cor 5:21; Eph 2:8-10; 1 Cor 15, etc...

Discuss the gospel in light of these 4 questions:

- Who is God?
- What has God done?
- Who are we in light of that truth?
- How do we then live in light of that truth?