

THE COMMANDMENT AGAINST ADULTERY

TEXT: Ex. 20:14 "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery."

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The sin of adultery is tearing our nation and church apart.
- B. This is not a pleasant subject.
- C. Just the mention of the word ADULTERY conjures up the worst of thoughts.
- D. Let's notice this commandment.

BODY:

I. WHAT IS ADULTERY?

- A. Greek word-MOICHOS.
- B. Meaning-Unlawful sexual relations between two people when one or both persons are married, but not to each other.
- C. Let's notice four kinds of adultery:
 - 1. Physical Adultery.
 - a. Lev. 18:20 "Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her."
 - b. David and Bathsheba- 2 Sam. 11:1-5.
 - c. Jer. 5:7-9. "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me And sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, Then they committed adultery And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were like well-fed lusty stallions; Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not punish them for these things?" says the Lord. "And shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?"
 - d. 1 Cor. 7:2.
 - 2. Mental Adultery!
 - a. Adultery and fornication begin in the heart.
 - (1). Matt. 15:19.

(2). Matt. 5:27-28.

b. Prov. 23:7a "As he thinketh in his heart so is he. . ."

c. 2 Pet. 2:14.

3. Legal Adultery.

a. There are millions who are considered married according to the civil law.

b. Yet, they have no right to be married according to God's law.

c. Like Herod and Herodias- Matt. 14:1-4.

d. Jesus said;

(1). Matt. 19:6.

(2). Matt. 19:6-9.

e. Rom. 7:2-3.

f. Divorce and remarriage for any reason other than fornication is not acceptable to God.

4. Spiritual Adultery.

a. Jer. 3:9 "So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees..

b. Rom. 7:4.

c. 2 Cor. 11:2.

d. James 4:4.

D. This Commandment forbids:

1. Adultery and fornication.

2. Rape.

3. Lewdness.

4. Wantonness.
5. Lasciviousness.
6. Polygamy
7. Sodomy.
8. Whoredom.
9. Homosexuality.
10. Bestiality.
11. Pornography.
12. Denominations

II. THE CURSE OF ADULTERY.

A. Lev. 20:10. `The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

B. Prov. 6:20-35.

C. Prov. 6:32 "But who so commitheth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

D. Heb. 13:4.

E. Rev. 21:8.

F. Rev. 22:15.

III. WHY IS ADULTERY WRONG?

A. Sin against society- Prov. 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

B. Adultery destroys the home- Mal. 2:16a "For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce. . ."

C. Sin against the body.

1. 1 Cor. 6:18-20.

2. Venereal disease (AIDS).

D. Damages the personality with guilt. Ps. 51:3 "For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me." (Some states c/n legally get divorce on grounds of adultery).

E. Sin against the soul- Prov. 6:32 "But whoso commitheth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

F. Sin against God.

1. Joseph said- Gen. 39:9 "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God."

2. 2 Sam. 12:13-14 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord. . ."

IV. WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COMMITTED ADULTERY.

A. Can be forgiven.

1. Jn. 8:3-11.

2. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 see Acts 18:8.

B. If Christians break this law they need to be restored.

1. Gal. 6:1.

2. Jas. 5:16.

3. 1 Jn. 1:9.

C. How to avoid adultery, stay away from:

1. Dancing.

2. Drinking.

3. Drugs.

4. Bad movies.

5. Pornography.

6. Bad TV.

7. Bad Music.

8. Bad thoughts.

CONCLUSION:

A. God forbids the act of adultery.

B. He also forbids the attitudes that precede it.

C. The curse on those guilty of this act is plain.

D. You can be forgiven of this or any other sin.