



No Adultery

9th in the “10 Commandments” Series

Exodus 20:14 & Matthew 5:27-30

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Introduction

In this passage we learn about the seventh of the Ten Commandments.

The Text:

Exodus 20:14

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery”.

Matthew 5:27-30

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell”.

1. The seventh commandment forbids distortions of God’s design for marriage and the body.
2. The seventh commandment demands that Christians pursue practices that protect the sacredness of marriage and intimacy.

Heidelberg Catechism 108:

Q: What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A: That God condemns all unchastity [distortions of God’s design], and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Heidelberg Catechism 109:

Q: Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A: We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

3. The seventh commandment shepherds us to see how our commitment to God’s design for marriage and intimate relationships is a reflection of Christ and the gospel.

APP: What does obeying the seventh commandment look like?

- (1) Submit your body to God.
- (2) Submit your desires to God.
- (3) Submit your marriage to God.

Response

Lord, help us to magnify the sacredness of marriage and honor your created design for our bodies.

Sunday Text Questions for Ten Commandments Series

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- 1) Starter Question: How “sexualized” is American culture today?
- 2) Read Exodus 20:14 and Mathew 5:27-30 aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does Jesus apply the 7th commandment to the Christian in Matthew 5:27-30?
- 4) Based upon Jesus’ deepening of the 7th commandment, when is a person guilty of adultery?
- 5) What are the challenges Christians will face as they try to be sexually pure in action and thought in today’s culture?
- 6) What counsel should the church give children, teenagers, and young adults regarding obedience to the 7th commandment?
- 7) What does the 7th commandment expect from a married Christian? What does it expect from an unmarried Christian?
- 8) How important is the covenant of marriage to God, and why does the 7th commandment use the breaking of the marriage covenant (i.e., “adultery”) as the category for sexual faithfulness?
- 9) How can the church discourage divorce in their promotion of the marriage covenant and yet not be judgmental toward individuals who are divorced?
- 10) What guards should a Christian put in their life (technology, accountability, etc.) if they are serious about obeying the 7th commandment?

Further study this week: Passages related to the 7th commandment: Genesis 2:18-25 (Mon); Malachi 2:13-15 (Tues); Ephesians 5:21-33 (Wed); 1 Timothy 1:8-11 (Thurs); Colossians 3:1-5 (Fri).