

“Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery”

Ex. 20:14

Open:

- **Adulterate** – *To cheapened in quality or in purity.*
 - It's important to note, the devil **always** seeks to lower, devalue, or destroy what God calls valuable. **Gen. 3:1-4** “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? [2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: [3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. [4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”
 - Note that, God is always seeking to increase the value of things. **Job 23:10** “But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”
- We need to understand that the morality of a child of God is not to measure up to the world's standards. The morals of a Christian are defined by God's Word.
 - I am not to live my life by morals and principles that I think are right, I am to live my life according to God's Word. **Prov. 30:12** “There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.”
 - A Child of God should live as close to God as he possibly can. **Heb. 10:22** “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”
- It is important to recognize that God does forgive His children after they have gotten to close to sin. (“We will never apologize for preaching purity and there is not excuse for those who live impurely; but as hard as we preach morality, we should strive to remind the fallen of God's forgiveness.”)
 - The availability of God's forgiveness to His children should not encourage sin, but rather promote living purely. **Rom. 6:1-2** “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? [2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”
 - The forgiveness of God does not eliminate His judgement on sin. God's justice requires punishment, but His forgiveness restores a broken relationship after a sin has been committed. **Ps. 51:1-12**

Tran: Understanding who God is will help us understand his purpose for our life; and help us understand how he wants us to live our life.

- God is our Creator. **Rev. 4:11** “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”
 - God knows what's best for me, and He loves us enough to not only tell us what is best, but to also set up rules and guidelines that will keep us safe. When God's creation follows the rules, laws, and guidelines that were set up by the Creator then His creation will live a life that is enjoyable.
- God is our Saviour. **Rom.12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
 - When man chose to live his life outside the guidelines and boundaries established by God; God did for man what man could not do for himself and that was redeem his soul.
 - God not only created us, but He bought us back and made us his again. **ILL: A little & his boat.**

➤ *Let's look at some guidelines and principle from God's Word regarding morality.*

I. God is very clear about not having *any* physical contact between and man and a woman outside the confines of marriage.

- A. God does not set the boundaries of morality at fornication, but at touching. **I Cor. 7:1-2** *“Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. [2] Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.”*
- i. Some will say God does not say, *“Do not touch a woman”*, so as long as the touching is not too bad, then it must be ok. This logic is not only carnal, but it is unbiblical.
 - a. God understands human sinful nature and that touching will lead to immorality.
 - b. God establishes rules for our protection. God did not only want to keep us safe from sinning, but He wanted to also eliminate the temptation to sin.
 - ii. Use this time to stress the importance that just because the world says its ok to hold hands, hug, or touch does not make it right. **Prov. 6:20-29**
 - While holding hands and hugging is not immorality, it desensitizes a person and causes them to seek a higher level of enjoyment.
- B. The sin of immorality has no boundaries. This sin will eventually cause an individual to burn up his lusts and be pushed to explore sin beyond imagine. **Rom. 1:27-28** *“And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;”*
- i. It is important to recognize that once you justify in you mind the breaking of a rule, there will be not limitation on your life that will not be able to come up with a good reason as to why it is ok to do what you want to do.
 - ii. As we have already stated, God created us and knows us better that we know ourselves; because of this, God knows where just a “little” sin will lead.
- C. Satan will use the breaking of this commandment to tear down the sanctity of human life and destroy the home. By doing this, Satan will destroy not only a life, but eventually a country.
- i. Remember, when man does not allow God’s laws to govern, man will be forced to live under man’s laws.
 - ii. When man chooses to cross the pre-set boundary of morals established by God, then man has chosen to allow man to dictate what is his rights are.
 - a. Government will be allowed to dictate to the parent how to educate their children.
 - b. Government will be allowed to dictate what morals are acceptable.
 - c. Government will be allowed to take your children from you.
- D. Innocence is lost when morality is not taught. This teaching is to be done in the home by godly parents.
- i. Parents and churches who view it as invasive to teach morals and warn of immorality will rear a generation of kids who know no boundaries.
 - ii. America does not need more government control, but more character in parents to teach in their homes the proper moral boundaries that are required for a free people.

II. Marriage requires commitment, and commitment requires character.

- Do not stay pure until you get married, stay pure till you die.
- Purity does not begin when one is old enough to understand the “whys”, purity begins at birth.

A. God’s plan for marriage is “*One man and one woman for life.*” **Mt. 19:3-9**

- i. Marriage, done God’s way, is good. **Prov. 18:22** “*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.*”
- ii. Physical contact between a man and woman is permitted only within the confines of God’s defined marriage. **Heb. 13:4** “*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*”

B. God’s plan for marriage is broken when man tries to get God’s methods his own way.

- i. Man gets into trouble when he tries put to things or people together that do not belong together. **Mark 10:9** “*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*”
 - Divorce is not a result of God making a mistake, but rather man not living by the morals that God has established.

ii. Marriage is holy, and when it is attempted in an unholy manner, it will not yield God’s results.

II Cor. 6:14 “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*”

- a. Marry someone who is saved.
- b. Marry someone who is going the same direction you are.
- c. Marry someone who is living the same lifestyle you are.

- You can not remain close to the world and be close to God. **James 4:4** “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*”

Close:

- Determine you will live pure until the day you die.
- Determine you will teach your family to live by God’s morals.
- Do not allow the sin of the world to desensitize or lower your standards of morality. Compare your morals to God.

The 10 Commandments

1. Thou Shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.