

Seventh COMMANDMENT THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

LESSONS 8

READ: Exo.20:14

1. INTRODUCTION:

1. The sin of adultery is tearing our nation and the church apart.
2. This is not a pleasant subject.
 - a. We wish we could skip over this commandment.
 - b. But the time is overdue to cry aloud, and like Paul preach the whole counsel of God. (Acts 20:27).
3. What is adultery? = Comes from a root word that is akin to idolatry.
 - a. It is unlawful sexual relations between two people who are married but not to each other, or between one single person and a married person.
 - b. Often fornication and adultery are used synonymously.

A. DISCUSSION:

LET'S DISCUSS FOUR KINDS OF ADULTERY MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE.

1. Physical adultery. Gen.2:18 READ.
1. Moses told Israel, Lev.18:20, READ.
2. David committed physical adultery. 2 Sam.11:4, READ
3. God said in Jer.5:7; Vrs.9 READ.
4. Paul wrote, 1 Cor.7:2, READ.
2. Mental adultery.
5. Matt.15:19, Jesus said that fornication and adultery begins in the heart.
6. Matt.5:27-28, READ
7. Prov.23:7, READ
8. In 2 Pet.2:14 READ, Peter wrote of those who had eyes of adultery, who could not cease from sin.
3. LEGAL ADULTERY: There are multitudes who are considered married according to civil law, yet they have no right to be married according to God's law.
9. Matt.19:6 Jesus said, READ.
10. Rom.7:2, READ.
11. Jesus was very clear when He said, Matt.19:9, READ.
12. Divorce for any other reason other than fornication is not acceptable to God.
4. SPIRITUAL ADULTERY: Jer.3:9, a description of Israel, READ.
13. Rom.7:4 Paul taught that we are married to Christ READ.
14. 2 Cor.11:2, READ.
15. James tells us that we can commit adultery with the world. Jas.4:4, READ.
5. THIS COMMANDMENT NOT ONLY FORBIDS ADULTERY AND

6. FORNICATION, IT FORBIDS, RAPE, SEDUCTION, LEWDNESS, WANTONNESS, LASCIVIOUSNESS, POLYGAMY, SODOMY, WHOREDOM, HOMOSEXUALITY, BESTIALITY, AND PORNOGRAPHY.
7. II. LET'S LOOK AT THE CURSE OF THOSE CONNECTED WITH VIOLATING THIS COMMANDMENT.
 - a. Lev.20:10, READ.
 - b. Prov.6:27-29, READ
 - c. Prov.6:32, READ.
 - d. Heb.13:4, READ
 - e. John wrote that fornicators or adulterers would be in hell. (Rev.21:8 & 27; 22:15 READ).

WHY IS ADULTERY WRONG?

1. It is a sin against society. Prov.14:34, READ.
2. Adultery destroys the home, the sacredness of mother hood and child hood. In Mal.2:16, READ, God declared that he hated putting away.
3. Adultery is a sin against one's body. 1 Cor.6:18, READ.
4. Venereal disease and Aids is at epidemic proportions.
5. Adultery has a devastating impact on the personality.
6. It leaves people ashamed.
7. Many struggle with a guilt complex.
8. Like David, Psa.51:3, READ.
9. Adultery destroys the soul. Prov.6:32, READ.
10. Adultery is a sin against God. Joseph said, (Gen.39:9).
11. David admitted it was a sin against God by saying, "I have sinned against Jehovah." (2 Sam.12:13).

WHAT CAN WE DO IF WE HAVE COMMITTED ADULTERY? & WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP FROM COMMITTING ADULTERY?

1. Adultery can be forgiven.
 - a. The woman at the well who had 5 husbands was offered a drink of the water of life. (Jn.4:1-26).
 - b. Jesus when confronted by the Pharisees and Scribes, with a woman taken in the very act of adultery.
 - c. He first asked those without sin to carry out the stoning to death.
 - d. Then after all her accusers had walked away He asked "women where are they? Did no man condemn thee: and she said no man, Lord.. Jesus said, neither do I condemn; go thy way and sin no more."
 - e. Jesus did not condone what she did, he called it what it was sin.
 - f. But he offered hope to the hopeless, when he offered her a chance to start a new life.
2. Christians that break this commandment need to be restored. Gal.6:1 READ.
 - a. 1 Jn.1:9 READ.
3. We can avoid engaging in adultery by staying away from, dancing, drinking, most movies, pornography, most T.V., a lot of music, petting etc.
4. You may think that these are extreme suggestions.
5. 2. Well think again, for they all play a major role in motivating millions to commit adultery every day.

CONCLUSION:

1. God not only forbids the acts of adultery.
 - a. He also forbids the attitudes that precedes it.
2. The curse upon those who engage in adultery is exceedingly plain.
 - a. But thanks to God, we can declare adultery as not the unpardonable sin.
 - b. There is hope for those caught in the web of adultery.
 - c. The answer is Christ.