

## **The Seventh Commandment (No Adultery)**

Thou shalt not commit adultery. (**Ex 20:14, Lev 18:20**)

### **Marriage is a Sacred Union between a Man and a Woman**

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As "one flesh", marriage is not a casual or transitory relationship.

### **Marriage is to be Based on Love, Rather than Obligation**

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The love between husband and wife is patterned after the love within the Godhead. (**Ge 1:26,27, 1Jn 4:8**)

Note that harmony of will and joyful obedience are forms of love. (**Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38, Jn 8:29**)

### **Divorce is the Unnatural Death of a Marriage Relationship.**

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Divorce carries with it lifelong consequences for the formerly married persons. (**Dt 24:1-4, Lk 16:18**)

Divorce carries with it lifelong consequences for the children.

### **God Hates Divorce**

God hates divorce. (**Mal 2:13-16**)

### **Adultery is the Only Justification for Divorce**

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Note: Fornication by a married person is adultery.

A justification is not an obligation.

Forgiveness is always a possible Godly response. (**Jer 3:12-14**)

Think about the children.

### **Remarriage after the Death of a Spouse is not Adultery**

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### **Lust is Adultery**

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Examples: (**Ge 39:7-9, 2Sa 11:1-4**)

Prevention of lust is assisted by modest dress that does not inflame the passions of others. (**1Ti 2:9,10**)

### **Marriage is able to Protect against Lust**

Marriage is able to protect against lust. (**Pr 18:22, 1Co 7:2, 1Co 7:8,9**)

Marriage partners are to regularly come together intimately. (**1Co 7:3-5, Pr 5:18,19, Heb 13:4**)

### **We are to Marry only another Believer**

Prevention of adultery begins with a husband and wife who both follow Jesus. (**2Co 6:14-17**)

However, an unbelieving spouse is not a reason for divorce. (**1Co 7:10-16, 1Pe 3:1,2**)

### **We are to have a Spiritual Marriage Relationship with Jesus**

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In this spiritual marriage, we are to obey God out of love, rather than obligation. (**Jn 14:15, 1Jn 5:3**)

God does not cherish vows that are external and compulsory. (**Ex 19:1-8, Ex 24:3,7, Dt 5:27, Ro 9:30-32**) (compare **Jer 11:6-8, Jer 31:32, Heb 8:7-9**)

God cherishes true love that comes from the heart. (**Jer 31:31,33, Eze 11:19,20, Heb 8:6, Heb 8:10** compare **2Co 3:3, Heb 10:16**)

God cherishes a relationship wherein we humbly invite Jesus to live in us and through us. (**Jer 23:6, Jn 15:4,5, Ro 5:19, 2Co 5:20,21, Gal 2:20, Php 1:11, Php 3:9**)

### **Spiritual Adultery is the Violation of our Relationship with God**

Spiritual adultery is the violation of our relationship with God. (**Jer 3:1-9,20, Eze 16:1-32, Eze 23:37, Mal 2:11, Rev 2:18-24**)

### **God does not Divorce**

God does not divorce His unfaithful people, rather it is they who divorce Him. (**Isa 50:1**)  
In spite of their adultery, God mercifully calls for His unfaithful people to return to Him. (**Isa 55:7, Jer 3:10-14**)

God's most powerful, pleading call is the sacrifice of His Son. (**Jn 12:32,33**)

Those who continue to reject Jesus, continue to stand beyond God's reach. (**Mt 23:37-39, Lk 13:34,35, Mt 10:32,33, Mk 3:28,29**)

### **God is Faithful**

God is faithful. (**Ps 36:5, Ps 89:1, Ps 119:90, Isa 25:1, La 3:22,23, Mt 28:18-20, Ro 8:35-39, 1Th 5:23,24, Rev 1:5, Rev 19:11-13**)

### **The Punishment for Disobedience is Death**

The punishment for disobedience is death. (**Ge 20:1-7, Lev 20:10, Dt 22:22, Pr 6:27-35, Jer 5:7-11, Eze 33:23-27, Gal 5:19-21, Ro 6:23, Jas 2:10**)

Note that God made provisions to judge secret adultery. (**Nu 5:12-31**)

As our substitute, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. (**Isa 53:6, Jn 1:29, Eph 5:2, Heb 7:27, 1Jn 1:7, Jn 8:3-11**)

### **The 7th Commandment Proclaims Intimacy in our Relationship with our Spouse**

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