

You Shall Not Commit Adultery

Part 1

“You shall not commit adultery.” (Deuteronomy 5:18)

Any sexual relationship outside the concept of God’s marriage is considered as adultery, and that is sin, as the word of God declares it, **“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.” (Hebrews 13:4)** The grievous effects of such sin is more than the bad effects of the other sins because it inside the human body: **“¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.” (1Corinthians 6:18)** The believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are the temple of God, so adultery will really had a very bad effect on the church.

We will study in this message the various form of adultery and how this sin distort us and mislead us from what God had ordained for us:

1- Premarital sex: Is considered adultery. Even to those who are going to marry they should not lay down with one another till the wedding day. God’s law states that the girl should keep her virginity and not let herself with any man till she is married. The law of God in the old testament forbid premarital sex and the girl who is found to be non virgin, her punishment was stoning as we can read here: **“¹³ If a man takes a wife and, after sleeping with her, dislikes her ¹⁴ and slanders her and gives her a bad name, saying, “I married this woman, but when I approached her, I did not find proof of her virginity,” ¹⁵ then the young woman’s father and mother shall bring to the town elders at the gate proof that she was a virgin. ¹⁶ Her father will say to the elders, “I gave my daughter in marriage to this man, but he dislikes her. ¹⁷ Now he has slandered her and said, ‘I did not find your daughter to be a virgin.’ But here is the proof of my daughter’s virginity.” Then her parents shall display the cloth before the elders of the town,” (Deuteronomy 22:13-17)** So what we understand here that the girl virginity must be proof in the day of her marriage. The blood on the cloth is the only proof that would satisfy the elders of the city and the rest of the people that this girl did not sin against God.

²⁰ If, however, the charge is true and no proof of the young woman’s virginity can be found, ²¹ she shall be brought to the door of her father’s house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. She has done an outrageous thing in Israel by being promiscuous while still in her father’s house. You must purge the evil from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:13-21) That discipline that God had ordained for the girls to keep their virginity is extended to the family. The family is responsible to protect their girls and keep them pure. The family who will disobey God’s instruction will be punished by stoning of their daughter by the rest of the community of the city they live in and in front of their eyes; because she will be considered promiscuous. The discipline will not only be applied on the family but on the whole city; when they will know that they will be involved in stoning the promiscuous girl then they will keep a responsible attitude and will not permit boys and girls to be together. Sex before marriages is a trespass against the authority of the family over their children.

For marriage in any nation there are procedures for registration to keep rules and systems in order. Adultery is a trespass against the rules and the authority of the society and government because the man lay down with a woman without the government knowledge or approval. Adultery can transmit Sexual diseases like AIDS Syphilis, etc, and that would affect the wellbeing of every nation that permits that or allow such things happening without control or disciplinary actions.

2- Extramarital sex: **²² If a man is found sleeping with another man’s wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.” (Deuteronomy 22:22)** Both the man and the woman should be stoned. When the Pharisees brought the woman that she was caught in adultery to the Lord as we can read here: **“³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say? ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.” (John 8:3-6)** Their motive was to trap the Lord because they should bring the man with the woman to the Lord, therefore the Lord did not judge the woman but He instructed her to leave her life of sin, **“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (John 8:11)**

3- The responsibility of the virgin: **²³ If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, ²⁴ you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death—the young woman because she was in a town and did not scream for help, and the man because he violated another man’s wife. You must purge the evil from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:23-24)** Every virgin before God is responsible to protect her virginity and not to allow men to approach her and violate her. **“²⁵ But if out in the country a man happens to meet a young woman pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die. ²⁶ Do nothing to the woman; she has committed no sin deserving death. This case is like that of someone who attacks and murders a neighbor, ²⁷ for the man found the young woman out in the country, and though the betrothed woman screamed, there was no one to rescue her.” (Deuteronomy 22:25-27)**

4- Committing adultery in the heart: **²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.” (Matthew 5:27-29)** Some they claim that the Old Testament Scripture is not valid today, but what we had read of what Jesus’ said is more strict and more disciplinary than what the Law of Moses states; even lustful look is considered adultery and put the person involved in danger of being sent to Hell. Therefore what Job said is worthy to be considered and adopted, **“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.” (Job 31:1)**

My dear and beloved: Holiness is what the Lord required from us today as workers in His vineyard. Paul instructed Timothy to treat young women with absolute purity, **“ . . . Treat younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.” (1Timothy 5:1-2)** The church of God should be clean from immoralities, as we instructed with God’s word so others will take heed and follow, **“³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.” (Ephesians 5:3,4-7)** **My prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and to teach your people to keep holiness and I will stand firm to oppose those who condone sin and give permission to immoralities. Give me strength and help me to do that for you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.