

You Shall Not Commit Adultery

“18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.” (Deuteronomy 5:18 KJV)

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, ***“4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4 KJV)*** The grievous effect of such sin is more than the bad effects of the other sins because it is inside the human body: ***“18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18 KJV)*** The believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are the temple of God, so adultery will really had a very bad effect on the church, and it is a way to transfer demons inside the church.

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

1. Premarital sex: Is considered fornication. 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 lay herself with any man till she is married. Therefore, based on that and to avoid such a sin and problem we don’t allow men and women to meet before their wedding day. Therefore we don’t allow the practices of boyfriend, girlfriend, dating and courting before marriage to avoid immoralities of the premarital sex.*** The law of God in the Old Testament forbid premarital sex and the girl’s virginity must be proved in the day of her marriage as we can read here: ***“13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: 15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel’s virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: 16 And the damsel’s father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; 17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter’s virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.” (Deuteronomy 22:13-17 KJV)*** So what we understand here that 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 was virgin and did not sin against God. And the girl who is found to be non virgin, her punishment was stoning as we can read here, ***“20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father’s house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:20-21 KJV)*** 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 would disobey God’s instruction will be punished by the stoning of their own daughter by the rest of the community of the city they live in, and in front of their eyes; because she would be considered promiscuous. The discipline would not be only

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.***

Not only girls need to be kept virgins but also boys need to be kept virgins until the wedding day. They will not only stone the girl but also the man with whom the girl slept. ***The New testament also emphasized on the men to keep themselves and recognize them virgins until the wedding day, “4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (Revelation 14:4 KJV)***

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 also 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 be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.” (Deuteronomy 22:22 KJV)*** 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 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.” (John 8:3-6 KJV)*** 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 and He instructed her to leave her life of sin, ***“11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” (John 8:11 KJV)***

3. The responsibility of the virgin: ***“23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour’s wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.” (Deuteronomy 22:23-24 KJV)*** Every virgin before God is responsible to protect her virginity and not to allow men to approach her and violate her. ***“25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die. 26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter: 27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.” (Deuteronomy 22:25-27 KJV)***

4. *Committing adultery in the heart:* “27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast 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 mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?” (Job 31:1 KJV)**

5. *Divorce and Remarriage:* Let us read the Scripture in this regard: “2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. 5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. 11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. 12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.” (Mark 10:2-10 KJV) **A common practice for many religions is allowing divorce and remarriage, but this is considered as adultery according to the Word of Christ. Moses allowed divorce as Jesus stated, “For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.” But that was not God’s plan for man in the beginning of the creation.**

We can read the same in *Luke 16:18*: “18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.”

Other two related Scriptures as the following: “2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.” (Romans 7:2-3 KJV) , and, “39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 7:39 KJV) **If the woman is not allowed to marry another man while her husband is alive, the same will be applied for the man; he cannot go to marry another woman while his wife is alive.**

Jesus said in *Matthew 19:9*, “*And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*” The exception that Jesus put here to the Jewish for divorce and remarriage was if the partner involve in (fornication) adultery, and for such sin, stoning was their practice and so when the adulterous partner will be put to death with the person that he or she was doing the act with, then the other partner is free and can remarry another. So again the remarriage that Jesus mentioned here is linked with the death of the adulterous spouse. **Now, at the present time since we cannot put to death then we cannot also allow divorce and the remarriage.**

John 8 it confirms to us that at the time of Jesus and when spoke that to the Jewish that their practice was putting the adulterous partner to death, “2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” (John 8:2-11 KJV) They were convicted by their own conscience because they did not bring the man that was with her. But their practice was stoning to those who commit adultery.

So what Jesus suggested to divorce and remarry after adultery or fornication was again applied after the death of the partner. So now if your partner is still alive then you cannot go and remarry. Even if he or she is doing adultery, living with another, or married to another, that what is stated in *Matthew 19:9* “*Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication,*” cannot be applied to you; you cannot divorce and remarry another because your partner is still alive. **If you are divorced you cannot go and remarry another partner if your first partner is still alive. The same we can say about those single mothers and single fathers who want to marry neither the father nor the mother of her or his child or children, if they do that then it is similar to divorce and remarriage.**

The covenant of marriage cannot be broken by anyone because it is a covenant with God. Paul wrote in *1 Corinthians 7:10-11* “10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.” Certain times separation will happen for whatever reason or cause but that is not permission for remarriage. **If one of the spouses is abusing or harming the other one and all the possible ways to correct and deal with the sin fail, and reconciliation**

and living together is not practical or not possible then we after we had done all what we can may keep silent if one of the spouses is not willing to go back to his or her partner. But at the same time we will not approve any trial to perform divorce because that will be a temptation to commit remarriage, and in doing so is committing adultery.

Others they quote what Paul wrote in *1 Corinthians 7:15* ***“But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.”*** Now when said that ***“A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases:”*** What he meant here they are no more blamed or responsible on the bad action of the other partner, but Paul here was not giving the permission of remarriage.

Some churches in their institution they allow divorce and remarriage and in doing so they are giving a cover for adultery and permission to Satan to spread immorality inside the body of Christ. In Revelation Jesus sent warning letter to the false teachers and the false prophets who permit that when He sent His warning message to the church in Thyatira, ***“20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”*** (Revelation 2:21-23 KJV) We need to be careful about such above things and not to give our approval for divorce or remarriage because it is adultery and a way to spread immorality. ***“16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.”*** (Hebrews 12:16 KJV)

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, ***“1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; 2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.”*** (1 Timothy 5:1-2 KJV) The church of God should be clean from immoralities, as we are instructed with God’s Word so others will take heed and follow, ***“3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.”*** (Ephesians 5:3-7 KJV) Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear message to me

about your command not to get involved in adultery. Lord thank you for all the teaching, rebukes, corrections and admonishments.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your worldliness and your love for material things. Repent of your stubbornness and delay obedience. Repent of your lust and your immoralities. Repent of your involvement with the practices of boyfriend, girlfriend, dating and courting before marriage. Repent and renounce your premarital sex. Repent and renounce your divorce and remarriage. Repent and renounce being a single mother or a single father but had married neither the father nor the mother of your child or children. Repent of doing your own will and plan. Repent of your lack of the fear of God. Repent of your lack of prayers and lack of reading God’s Word in the Bible. Repent of your bad example and your lack of service and ministry unto God. Lord I repent, forgives me and cleans me from the following sins _____.

Lord I ask you forgiveness for all the sins that your churches and your people had involved with in allowing immoralities, and doing unlawful marriages. Lord I pray that you will make a way for your churches to be cleansed from such sins. Lord use your Word to impart holiness in the life of the churches and your people.

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 in the form of boyfriend, girlfriend, dating and courting before marriage, allowing divorce and remarriage, and allowing a single mother or a single father to marry neither the father nor the mother of her or his child or children. Lord give me discernment, strength and help me to do that for you. Lord protect me from persecution, and provide my needs so I can continue to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord anoint my brothers and my sisters who committed their lives to serve you in accordance to your will. Lord give them wisdom and discernment to go and do your will. Lord protect them from the evil one and provide all their needs to go on and serve you.

Lord bless us as a church, protect us from persecution so we go and finish the task that is entrusted to us. Lord provide all our needs, and open to us new doors to proclaim the message, give us wisdom and discernment and strength to deal with such sins of immoralities that we discuss in this message, and to persevere until the time that you will come to take us. Lord refill us again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts to go and evangelize and to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord let the vision that you give to your church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God’ to be fulfilled. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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