



## The 10 Commandments

# The Power of Purity

## The Seventh Commandment

### The Bible and Sexuality

Why is God interested in this area of our life?

Because He desires that we be whole emotionally, physically and spiritually. This commandment represents a core Biblical theme that is designed to create the character of purity within us!

#### A. God's Creative Masterpiece *Mark 10:6-9*

*God's three-fold view of marriage:*

1. **Male and female:** God created human sexuality.
2. **Two become one:** The power of oneness in marriage.
3. **Do not destroy:** A lifelong commitment—covenant.

#### B. God's Covenant Cement *Ex 20:14*

*Why is adultery, in all its forms, forbidden?*

1. **Not because sex is bad:** But because it is designed to be such a powerful force for good. It is the 'covenant cement' that seals the love between a husband and wife.
2. **The connection between sexuality and spirituality:** The union between a husband and wife is intended to exemplify the exclusive relationship between God and His people.
  - a. **In the Old Testament:** God often compared His relationship with his people to the romance between a husband and wife. When His people were unfaithful—they were guilty of committing spiritual adultery. *Jer 3:1-10; 5:7-11; Hos 2*
  - b. **In the New Testament:** The union between husband and wife exemplifies the union between Christ and His church. *Eph 5:31-32; 1 Cor 6:13b-20*

#### C. God's Care For The Heart *Matt 5:27-30*

1. **What is the heart?** The 'heart' in this passage represents the psychological total of our mind, will, emotions and desires.
  - a. **Desire and deeds:** The law governs our *inward thoughts* as well as our *outward actions*, it really is a matter of the heart.
  - a. **Out of the heart:** The heart is the 'incubator' of all sexual sin. *Prov 23:7; Mat 15:19*
  - b. **Gateway to the heart:** We need to protect our heart by exposing it to the Word of God and what is pure—rather than what is impure. *Eph 5:3-4; Phil 4:8*  
What we read...fantasy fiction, romance novels  
What we watch/see...movies, TV  
What we hear/say...jokes and suggestive language
2. **Get a heart check up:** Is your heart healthy? Is it pure?
  - a. **Heaven maimed or hell whole?** According to Jesus it is better to get to heaven maimed than to hell, whole. *Mat 5:29-30* Jesus is saying we need to guard what we 'see' and what we 'touch.'
  - b. **Heart cleansing:** "But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." *1 Cor 6:11*

Exodus 20:14 (NKJV)

:14 You shall not commit adultery.

Mark 10:6-9 (NKJV)

:6 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.'

:7 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE,

:8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 5:27-30 (NKJV)

:27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.'

:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her **in his heart**.

:29 If your right **eye** causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

:30 And if your right **hand** causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Eph 5:3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; :4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.