

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

Introduction:

1. Throughout this study, it must be emphasized that man today is not under the Law of Moses – including the Ten Commandments.
2. However, the things that “were written aforetime were written for our learning” (Rom. 15:4).
3. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
4. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
5. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN
6. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY
7. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER
8. THOU SHALT NOT KILL

I. Definition of Terms

A. Marriage

1. Marriage is an institution ordained by God (Gen. 2:21-24).
2. Marriage is a union between one man and one woman (Matt. 19:3-6).
 - a. One who has never before been married
 - b. One whose spouse has died (Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:39)
 - c. One whose spouse has been divorced because of fornication (Matt. 19:7-9; cf. Mark 10:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:10-11)
3. Marriage is a lifelong commitment based upon love (Eph. 5:28-31).
4. Marriage is the only divinely authorized realm in which a sexual relationship may occur (1 Cor. 6:16; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4).
5. Marriage is an earthly relationship (Matt. 22:30).

B. Fornication

1. The Hebrew word that is translated as ‘fornication’ means, “To act as a harlot; thus, to commit fornication or adultery.” *{It also had to do with idolatry or being unfaithful to God.}*
2. The Greek word for ‘fornication’ means, “Harlotry; illicit sexual activity; to indulge in unlawful lust.”
3. Fornication is sexual activity with another that is not authorized by God.
4. Adultery is a type of fornication (cf. 1 Cor. 5:1).

C. Adultery

1. Adultery is sexual activity with another who is married to someone else.
2. Sometimes, the words ‘adultery’ and ‘fornication’ are used interchangeably.

II. The Danger of Adultery

- A. The danger to the soul (Prov. 6:23-29; Matt. 5:27-29; 15:19-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Heb. 13:4)
- B. The danger to the body (Prov. 6:32-35; Heb. 12:16-17)
 1. Disease (Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 6:8)

- 2. Death (Lev. 20:10; 1 Cor. 10:8; Jude 7)
 - C. The danger to the home
 - 1. Breaking of trust
 - 2. Divorce
 - D. The danger to the culture
- III. The Defense against Adultery
- A. Love
 - 1. For God
 - 2. For self
 - 3. For one's spouse
 - 4. For one's family
 - 5. For one's community
 - 6. For the church
 - B. Commitment (1 Cor. 7:2-5)
 - C. Knowledge
 - D. Discipline (1 Cor. 6:12-13; Col. 3:5; 1 Thes. 4:3-5)

Conclusion: *Spiritual Adultery*