

# Exodus #58

## The Moral Law

Lesson #10

“The Seventh Commandment – No  
Adultery Equals Sexual Purity” – Part I

Exodus 20:14

“It is a thievish sin. It is the highest sort of theft. The adulterer steals from his neighbor that which is more than his goods and estate; he steals away his wife from him, who is flesh of his flesh.”

## **Galatians 4:7-9**

“<sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. <sup>8</sup> However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?”

## **Genesis 24:65-67**

“<sup>65</sup> And she said to the servant, ‘Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?’ And the servant said, ‘He is my master.’ Then she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.”

## **Song of Solomon 4:1**

“<sup>1</sup> How beautiful you are, my darling,  
how beautiful you are! Your eyes are  
{like} doves behind your veil; your  
hair is like a flock of goats That have  
descended from Mount Gilead.”

# **Genesis 38:14-19**

## **I Corinthians 6:9**

“<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals.”

## **Hebrews 13:4**

“<sup>4</sup> {Let} marriage {be held} in honor among all, and let the {marriage} bed {be} undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”



## **II Peter 2:9-10**

“<sup>9</sup> { then } the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge the flesh in { its } corrupt desires and despise majesties, authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties.”

**Fornication is any  
sexual contact outside  
the bounds of marriage.**

1. Prostitution
2. Homosexuality
3. Sexual violence, i.e. rape
4. Pedophilia
5. Incest

“Look to your eyes, much  
sin comes in by the eye. The  
eye tempts the fancy and  
fancy works upon the heart.”

## **Psalm 101:3**

“I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not fasten its grip on me.”

## **I Corinthians 6:12**

“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.”

**Standards for morality  
must be determined by the  
Scripture and not culture.**

**Adultery, like murder,  
is a more serious sin  
because it affords no  
restitution process.**



**Anytime a sex act occurs  
or is meditated upon  
outside of marriage - is  
in fact sin.**

Louis Smedes notes in *Mere Morality*, p.157:

“The concern of the Seventh commandment is not merely with sex; its real business is with marriage and its wholeness. The commandment is about sex only insofar as sleeping with someone other than one’s marriage partner is the most blatant and exciting way to commit adultery.”