

Exodus #60

The Moral Law

Lesson #12

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

Exodus 20:14

Proverbs 6:27-32

“²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? ²⁸ Or can a man walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched? ²⁹ So is the one who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; whoever touches her will not go unpunished. ³⁰ Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry; ³¹ But when he is found, he must repay sevenfold; He must give all the substance of his house. ³² The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it.”

I Thessalonians 4:2-8

“² For you know what commandments we gave you by {the authority of} the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; {that is,} that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

⁶ {and} that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is {the} avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned {you.} ⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸ Consequently, he who rejects {this} is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.”

II Samuel 11:1-2

“¹ Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out {to battle,} that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. ² Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king’s house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.”

“Sexual sin is never just about sex.”

**Live self-sacrificially rather
than self-indulgently.**

The eye is the window to sexual desire.

II Peter 2:9-10,14

“⁹ Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, ... ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children.”

I John 2:16

“¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

Job 31:1

“³¹ I have made a covenant
with my eyes; how then
could I gaze at a virgin?”

II Samuel 11:11

“¹¹ And Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing.’”

In biblical faith, sexual
fidelity is first and
foremost faithfulness to
God, not to the woman.

Joseph understood:

- a. One - the adulterous act was an assault on God, before the Mosaic Law.
- b. Two - it was further an assault on his master.
- c. Three - fidelity to God was the primary check for controlling desires.

II Peter 1:3-4

“³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of {the} divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

Genesis 24:65-66

“⁶⁵ 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. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.”

Judges 16:4-5

“⁴ After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵ And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, ‘Entice him, and see where his great strength {lies} and how we may overpower him that we may bind him to afflict him. Then we will each give you eleven hundred {pieces} of silver.’”

Judges 14:15

“¹⁵ Then it came about on the fourth day that they said to Samson’s wife, ‘Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father’s house with fire. Have you invited us to impoverish us? Is this not {so?}’”

Proverbs 7:6-21

“⁶ For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice, ⁷ And I saw among the naive, I discerned among the youths, a young man lacking sense, ⁸ Passing through the street near her corner; and he takes the way to her house, ⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, in the middle of the night and {in} the darkness.

“¹⁰ And behold, a woman {comes} to meet him, dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart. ¹¹ She is boisterous and rebellious; her feet do not remain at home; ¹² {She is} now in the streets, now in the squares, and lurks by every corner.

“¹³ So she seizes him and kisses him, and with a brazen face she says to him: ¹⁴ ‘I was due to offer peace offerings; today I have paid my vows. ¹⁵ Therefore I have come out to meet you, to seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you. ¹⁶ I have spread my couch with coverings, with colored linens of Egypt. ¹⁷ I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses. ¹⁹ For the man is not at home, He has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, at full moon he will come home.’

“²¹ With her many persuasions she entices him; with her flattering lips she seduces him. ²² Suddenly he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as {one in} fetters to the discipline of a fool.”

I Peter 3:1-4

“¹ In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any {of them} are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³ And let not your adornment be {merely} external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴ but {let it be} the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”

Proverbs 31:30-31

“³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, {but} a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”

**Christian men of all ages must
learn that a measure of their
spiritual maturity is developed
by being in control of their
sensual passions.**

**Christian women must learn that
great care must be given to
develop their inward qualities
while being circumspect about
their outward adornment.**

**Our young men must be taught by
their fathers to use their
aggressiveness to control sexual desire
instead of making the mistake in
thinking that manhood means sexual
freedom.**

**Our young women must be taught
that spiritual beauty should be
allowed to emanate from their lives
– while physical beauty must be
veiled to all except their husbands,
and protected by their fathers until
given away in marriage.**