

The Ten Commandments Part 3 Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

“17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-20 KJV)

The ten commandments that God gave to Moses was for the people and even for us today to know what God wants us to do and to know our limits and the boundaries that we should not cross. We will continue in this message to discuss the ten commandments:

7. “14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14 KJV) “18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.” (Deuteronomy 5:18 KJV) Any sexual relationship outside the marriages is adultery. Multiple wives are adultery. Divorce or separation except for marital unfaithfulness will cause the other partner or make him liable to become an adulterous person. As well as marrying a divorced person is adultery, as the Lord Jesus said: ***“31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.” (Matthew 5: 31-32)***

In the Old Testament, they understood this command in the following manner; that a man should not have a relationship in which lays down or sleep with a woman who is not his wife. *Deuteronomy 22* gives us more details about that:

“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. 18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; 19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 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 22:13-21 KJV) In this occasion the man is stating that his wife was not a virgin when he married her, stating that she had done fornication before marriage. His complain will be verified by the parents who will bring the tokens of their daughter's virginity to the elders at the city gate. The man will be spanked by the elders and will be charged with a penalty of money to be given to the parents because the scandal he made to that girl and her family. **Girls and boys should keep themselves virgin until the day of wedding.**

If the parents will not be able to proof her virginity then the next step was the stoning of the girl because she behaved as prostitute while she was in her father' house. So they will bring her and stone her in front of her father house. Since that was the law of God, then sure everyone was keen to keep his children protected and away from doing such. Sure even everyone in the city or town was responsible to keep holiness so they will not be forced to go into the stoning process.

“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) This is adultery with a married woman, who is the property of other man, and they will be both stoned, so this evil will be stopped in Israel. **Such sins need to be stopped from the life of God's church.**

“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) Here the woman also will be stoned because she did not shout and called other people to rescue her. **Women are responsible before God and should fight not to allow men to rape them and commit adultery with them.**

“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) Here the girl will not be stoned because in the field there was no one beside her to rescue. *** Put in your mind a betrothed girl, was a girl that was agreed upon to marry a certain man. She was the property of other man. * Put also in your mind a betrothed man, was a man that was agreed upon to marry a certain woman. He was the property of other woman. * How about if she is not betrothed or she is not married? Put also this fact in your mind, a virgin boy and a virgin girl is a property of God whom He will give on His time to a particular person in marriage. Therefore we need to stand in awe of God and not to disturb what God had ordained in His plan to man.**

From these examples what we grasp that everyone is accountable and responsible to keep holiness and to fight against the sin of fornication and adultery. All are responsible, not only the boys and the girls, but as well as the parents, the church, the elders, the families, every man and woman, all should work to fight such sin.

“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.” (Matthew 5:27-28 KJV) Here the Lord Jesus Christ spoke about not to commit adultery and that is the seventh command. That means not only no sexual relationship but even no emotional relationship outside the marriage life. **If you look to a woman or look to a man lustfully is a violation and the law of God condemns it.** In **Matthew 5:27-28**, Jesus was speaking to Jewish people who knew well these Scriptures that we discussed. At the time of Jesus Jewish people don't allow their unmarried daughters to go outside the house. And when they go out they wear long veils that cover the whole body, and even with such men would find way to look lustfully on them and here Jesus condemned that sin by judging what is evil in the heart of man. The Law of God also judges this sin of lust and covetousness when He said, **“21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.” (Deuteronomy 5:21 KJV) “17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.” (Exodus 20:17 KJV)**

Jesus when came His teaching was more profound and radical than what is written in the Old Testament and is directed more toward the purging of the sin of adultery and fornication by purging what is evil in the heart and the thoughts because sin would start from the heart and the mind of man. Jesus considered if a man was looking to a woman to lust after her had committed adultery in his heart. **So here the malice thoughts and the emotions of men toward women who are not their wives are adultery in the sight of God.** So here our responsibility before God is more profound and deep. **We are responsible to keep our bodies, hearts and thoughts clean so such sins will not be happening.** Therefore we need to observe the following:

1. Sex only for married people.
2. Marry only when you are in stable condition.
3. Disciplining our children and direct them away from such while they are small and prohibit them from doing such.
4. Avoid mixing boys and girls, or men with women.
5. Remove Media and internet from the life of our children.
6. Mobiles and Media should be used for work and communication and not for entertainment and relationships.
7. Modest dress for both boys and girls. What non decent dress that we don't want our children to wear when they are old we don't allow them to wear them while they are young.
8. Avoid make up, and strong perfumes. Deodorants for the body should only to be limited to the surface and not to be spread and put in huge amounts to be smelled by others.
9. No boyfriend and no girlfriend.
10. No dating and no courting.

Jesus said, **“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 5:29 KJV) He is calling you, calling His church and His followers to do drastic measures to stop such sins. Men and women should be restrained and not allowed to cross the border and go beyond the limit that are allowed for them. The Word of Jesus here is very serious; if you will not comply you will end up in hell. Jesus will fulfill what He said in His Word.

Some ladies they say, the mind of men should be clean and they should not think with such way. That is correct. Adultery and fornication will take place when both the man and the woman are agreeing in their minds to do it. **Now from the same concept if the men or the women with the way they dress and the way put make up, showing the beauties of their bodies whether men or women, that will cause the attraction to the other gender, even if they don't mean it, then they are guilty of the sin of adultery.**

When men and woman are not decent in their dress then they are inviting the other gender to sin. At the time of Jesus the dress of woman were more decent than now, they were using veil as dress where the body parts of the woman and her face are covered and in such men will not have the chance to lust in their eyes toward women. But even with that Jesus was still warning the men not to do such evil. **Now how much more if Jesus will come now and see the vulgar dress, the attractive make up, the strong perfumes, the media that promote immoralities, what He will say and how He will rebuke?**

The simple measures about dress and make up if we comply with, then the rate of adultery and fornication will be reduced.

Having boyfriend and girlfriend is doing adultery according to the Word of Jesus here; dating and courting these are all manifestation of immoralities. Boy and girl when they meet speak or chat, sexual things cannot be excluded from between them. These phenomenons needed to be out of our lives to avoid fornications and immoralities.

The Scriptures warn us about that, **“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)** Here fornicators and whoremongers or prostitution are among the causes that will bring the wrath of God. That is why the people of God were stoning those who were doing such to avoid the wrath of God. **“Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.” (1 Corinthians 10:8 KJV)** The apostles of Jesus condemned fornication and that is what they wrote to the churches of the Gentiles, **“19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.” (Acts 15:19-20 KJV)** However some churches in the Bible did not condemn fornication but allow it and allow feasts of idols to enter the church and that caused the wrath of God to come upon them as in the church of 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 2:20-23 KJV)

** Parents and churches who keep and allow boyfriend, girlfriend, dating courting, boys going along with girls, girls going along with boys, mobiles in the hands of the youth and children, make up and non decent dress, they are promoting fornication and adultery to spread and that will bring the wrath of God. * Again I repeat mobiles and Media should be used for work and communication and not for entertainment and for making relationship.*

“1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 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 8:1-11 KJV) Here in this story Jesus did not condemn the woman because her accusers did not bring the man who did the adultery with her; they wanted only to trap Jesus, waiting for Jesus to say not to stone her so they will accuse Him that He was promoting adultery. So He told them to stone her starting with those who have no sin. But they sinned by not bringing the man who committed adultery with that woman. They knew what He was telling to them, so they were forced to leave. Jesus was not against that woman to be punished for her adultery but He would give her another chance and He assertively told her to **“go, and sin no more”**, and with such Jesus is condemning the sin of adultery.

Even Christ is giving us another chance today to go and live our lives without the sin of fornication and adultery. Such sin needed to be put out from our lives, out from the lives of our families and out from the life of the church.

Jesus is reading and seeing what are in the minds of men, of deviation and in adopting other plans that are away from His plans. **God had ordained a certain plan for each and everyone, and for marriage He had ordained a certain person to fill that post at His perfect time. When the people of God go astray and deviate from the ways of God**

then wrong plans, wrong relationship will be instituted due to such and wrong marriages will follow.

Why Christ is so radical about such a sin? Adultery and fornication is a sin and can bring havoc. Today’s message is not to condemn you but to avoid what had happened in the past to happen again. Therefore we as a church should work and implement the preparation for Godly marriages.

In addition to what we stated previously, how we can obey the Word of Jesus, and what are the measures and the principles that further we need to take and implement to eliminate immoralities?

11. Husbands work to earn living.
12. Wives should stay home to manage the house and watch over the children.
13. Wives should stay home to manage the house and keep good stewardship, budget the spending, and to keep more resources.
14. Children to be homeschooled so they will not be mixed with the people of the world and get infected with sins.
15. No TV, no facebook, no YOU tube and the like in the atmosphere of the house. Such things are harmful to us.
16. No mobile or gadgets or internet given to the children in the house.
17. Media for work and communication and not for entertainment.
18. Decent dress, and no make up.
19. No friends. Including no boyfriend, no girlfriend, no dating, and no courting.
20. Saving and keeping resources to start new families through preparation for Godly marriages among those who are raised in Godly way.
21. When the person is ready and capable to start a family the Lord will provide and show the right partner for him or for her.

***My dear and beloved:* Consider all these practical points and start to apply them in your life and in the life of your family and children. In such a way you will avoid and you will clean yourself and your family and the church from the sin of adultery and fornication.**

Come now to the Lord in repentance and be willing to comply with the Word of Jesus to be accountable to discipline yourself and your family, and to abide with the instruction that we received in this message; that to keep the atmosphere of the house clean away from the pollution of the Media so there will be no temptation that will take your children from the right path. Be willing to be counseled to solve your family problem so you can live in obedience to God’s plan for you and your family including your children.

If you are not yet married, then God has a good plan for you; refrain from the other gender and start to prepare yourself to have a family and at the proper time God shall bring to you the right person that He had prepared for you.

Let us pray

***My Prayer:* Father God I thank you for your Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that we**

received in this message that teaches us about holiness. Thank you for your grace and mercy and the good plan that you have for each and every one of us. And thank you for all the encouragements, the teaching, the corrections and the rebukes we receive in this message.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce your worldliness and your love of money and material things. Repent of your immoralities, repent of having boyfriend, girlfriend, dating and courting. Repent of your make up and strong perfume. Repent of your divorce and remarriage. Repent of condoning all such and not prohibiting such sins. Repent of your selfishness, doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in your life. Repent of your lack of disciplining your children and non keeping the atmosphere of the house clean. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent from the following _____.

Lord give me one more opportunity to live my life for you. Lord I commit myself to follow you in full obedience to your Word and commands that we received in this message. Lord I renounce the following immoral relationship _____. Lord give me patience and self-control to continue to follow you and to do your will. Lord I commit myself to discipline my children and to keep the atmosphere of the house clean. Lord I commit myself to the steps of the preparation of Godly marriage. Lord I will wait for you to give me the right person to marry. Lord uphold me with your love and grace and provide for me to continue to live for you and to set good example to others, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

Lord thank you for my brethren and my sisters who repented and came back to you willing to live in holiness, abstaining of all kinds of immoralities and willing to live for you. Lord protect them and provide for them so that they will continue to live for you, serving you and setting good testimony to others to follow you.

Lord we pray for us as a church that we will continue to teach your Word and to proclaim your ways to our families and children, and to the rest of our workers and members. Lord we commit ourselves to walk before you in holiness in accordance to your will and plan for us. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to reach new people, making new disciples and training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' 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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