

## The Ten Commandments Part 4 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 and in particular the seventh command:

*7. “14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14 KJV) “18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.” (Deuteronomy 5:18 KJV)* Jesus in His ministry was so particular to deal with the sin of immorality. Why? Paul in his writing explained to us the danger of such a sin as he wrote, *“15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:15-20 KJV)* In verse 15 it is clearly stated that the members of our bodies are part of the body of Christ. Based on that it is not allowed to take the members of Christ's body and make them part of the body of harlot. God forbid that such thing to happen. In verse 16 you need to know that anyone who is united with harlot, defining a harlot is a person who is not his or her spouse, then is becoming one body with the harlot, *“for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.”* \* In such a situation the part of his body that is united with harlot become part of Satan and that means demons will be transmitted to him and to the rest of the members of the body of Christ who condone and agree about such sin. \* Based on that, in verse 18, the sin of sexual immorality, whether fornication or adultery is sinning against our own bodies and we are admonished not to go and allow fornication and adultery because according to verse 19 in Christ we became the temple of God and the Holy Spirit lives in us, and we cannot take the parts of our bodies and united them with harlots because according to verse 20 Jesus had purchased us with price and that is His own blood that He shed on the cross for our sins, and so we cannot betray Christ and do such evil against Him.

Observe the following:

- Fornication is sexual immorality among the non married.

- Adultery is sexual immorality among the married.
- Homosexuality is sexual immorality among the same gender. Therefore If Christ would be ministering at this time with the present society, he would tell no man touch a man or look to a man, or no woman touch woman or look to woman to forbid homosexuality.

Jesus further explained to us another way that the sin of adultery is taking place, and the way to avoid such a sin. *“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)* The Jewish had the practice that when the divorce will take place the husband will give to the wife the writing of divorcement. Here Jesus in verse 31 did not say *“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time”* as He said in *Matthew 5:27, “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery”*; for what Jesus said in verse 31 was not prefaced with these words, *“Ye have heard”*; because for the case of divorce there was not any law of Moses, or of God according to Jesus; but only a permission, because of the hardness of the hearts of the Jews. Moses allowed it to them because of the callus heart as we can read in Matthew when they asked Him about divorce, *“3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” (Matthew 19:3-8 KJV)* Even at the time of Jesus the matter of divorce and remarriage was a hot issue and many arguments the Pharisees did with Jesus in order to compel Him to approve it, but He did not approve it. Speaking about the writing of divorcement and here Jesus mentioned it to them because they were thinking it came from Moses and from God, but here He nullified that claim, and He told them with this nullifying that if they were doing it then they were sinning and causing adultery to take place.

According to *Matthew 5:32, “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.”* The question now: Why in the day of divorcing, adultery will take place? When we know and read what they were writing in the writing of divorcement to the wife that they were divorcing we will know why. Let us read what they were writing:

*“On such a day of the week, in such a month, of such a year, in such a place; I such an one, the son of such an one, of such a place; by my own will, without any force, I put away, dismiss, and divorce you. You, I say, who are such an one, the daughter of such an one, of such a place; who was my wife, but now I put you away, dismiss and divorce you; so that you are in your own hand, and has power over yourself, to go, and marry any other man, whom you please with; and let no man hinder you in my*

name, from this day forward and forever; and you are free to marry any man: and let this be unto you from me, a bill of divorce, an instrument of dismissing, and a letter of forsaking, according to the law of Moses and Israel.”

In divorcement the husband was giving his wife that he was divorcing, the right to marry any man she likes. Not only that but they are writing and saying this is the law of Moses and Israel. That was why Jesus rebuked them to their faces when He said, **“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 5:32 KJV) Jesus also said that the man who will marry the divorced woman will commit adultery, because at that time they were relying on the letter of divorcement and they will say her husband divorced her and gave her the permission to marry another man and she has a paper that proof that. Jesus here was telling them even if her husband gave her in writing the right to marry whom she like still this action is adultery in the sight of God and Christ. **Even now men or women tell to their marriage partner you are free to go to other partner that is against the teaching of Jesus and against the will of God because they are pushing their partner to do adultery. So now even divorce done in the court. You have court’s paper and everything legal but in front of God and the court of God in Heaven it is adultery if you marry another after. If your partner is still alive you cannot go and marry other whatever the reason because it is adultery.**

Now we understand also what Paul said, **“15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.”** (1 Corinthians 7:15 KJV) **It means if your unbelieving spouse is leaving you because your faith in Christ and after you have done all what you can, let him do and his sin of adultery you are not responsible for it, because you are not the one who wrote to him or to her the letter of divorcement, and you are not the one who gave the permission to him or to her to go and remarry other.** When Jesus would say, **“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 5:32 KJV) Do you think he is giving the permission to the man who divorced his wife the right to marry another woman? No, Jesus is not giving permission, and based on that we can conclude that anyone who is marrying the divorce person is committing adultery.

In **Matthew 5:32**, Jesus gave only one condition to allow divorce and that is fornication: **“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 5:32 KJV) Why he allowed that? Truly He did not allow divorce because according to the law of God the woman or the man who do the adultery will be put to death by stoning and with such his partner will be free to marry because his partner is already dead. **“2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.”** (Romans 7:2 KJV) Marriage can be end up only with death. Upon death the person is free from the covenant of marriage.

How about now that the church has no power to put to death the person who do adultery, because the church now is under the state of the government? If we cannot

put to death those who do adultery then we cannot also approve divorce and remarriage, but we can advice the following: If your husband or wife has another partner then just separate yourself from him or her so you will not be infected with demons that he or she is having from such adultery. This shall continue till he or she repent and leave that partner and come back to you.

That topic of divorce and remarriage was a hot issue of discussion between Jesus and the Pharisees as we can read in the four Gospels. In **Matthew 19** Jesus explained further about this topic.

**“4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”** (Matthew 19:4-6 KJV) **Jesus here explained that in marriage that man is united with the woman, his wife, and the two will become one flesh. No more they are two but one person. So what God put together let no man separate. Only God can separate man from woman upon death and when this happen the alive person can remarry.** Jesus further explained to the Pharisees that what they were doing, and what they were allowing of divorce and remarriage was not like so from the beginning, **“7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.”** (Matthew 19:7-8 KJV) When God created Heaven and earth, and created everything and created man, was not in His mind what man is doing now from divorcer, remarriage and multiple marriages. Therefore here again Jesus asserted to the Pharisees, **“9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”** (Matthew 19:9 KJV) **If your partner is still alive you cannot go and marry another one because it is adultery. Therefore the churches who allow divorce and remarriage and who allow the divorced person to marry they are promoting prostitution inside the church and that for the devil interest.**

John the Baptist also rebuked Herod for the same sin and prohibited him to marry Herodia the wife of his Brother Philip. **“1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. 3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. 8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. 9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.”** (Matthew 14:1-10 KJV) John the Baptist was persecuted and put to death because of such a sin of divorce and remarriage because he was also standing on the same Word of Jesus, **“and whosoever shall marry her**

*that is divorced committeth adultery.” (Matthew 5:32 KJV) Herod was non believer and John rebuked him for marrying the wife of his brother who was still alive.*

God’s instructions to Moses in *Leviticus 21* about the marriage of the priest is that he should not marry a divorced woman, **“7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God. 14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.” (Leviticus 21:7, 14 KJV)** Also God in Ezekiel prohibit the priest to marry a divorced woman, **“Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.” (Ezekiel 44:22 KJV)** In the New Testament, all of us are royal priests through the blood of Jesus, **“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;” (1 Peter 2:9 KJV)** and we should not go into divorce or marrying divorced peoples for their ex-partners still alive. But if the divorce had happened already then no way we will approve second marriage if the partner is still alive.

**My dear and beloved:** Being a royal priesthood for Christ, we need to repent of all such kinds of sins that promote immoralities, fornication and adultery knowing that we have children that we need to raise them in the fear of the Lord away from such sins so devil and demons will not have chance to enter the body of Christ.

Let us come to the Lord with a renewed mind, and in repentance to renounce all the sinful practices that Jesus admonish us in His Word not to do, and let us commit ourselves to abide with the teaching that He gave us to keep holiness and keep Godly families and raise up Godly children who are prepared for Godly marriages and prepared to form Godly families. Let us pray ... .

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching and the warning that we received in this message. Lord we thank you for our spouse and our families, and thank you for all the admonishments, the corrections and the rebukes we received from your Word.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce your separation from your partner and repent of your divorce and remarriage. Repent of your immoralities, repent of having boyfriend, girlfriend, dating and courting. Repent of condoning all such and not prohibiting such sins and setting bad example to others. 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 reading God’s Word in the Bible and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent from the following \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to follow you in full obedience to your Word and commands that we received in this message. Lord I commit myself to separate from my second marriage partner \_\_\_\_\_. Lord give me patience and self-control to continue to follow you through the narrow gate and the narrow way, and to do your will. 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 to follow you, 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 and the teaching we received in this message. 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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