

Commandment #7 ADULTERY
Exodus 20:14 Matthew 5:27-32

SAVE SEX FOR MARRIAGE

Slide 1- Today were looking at the 7th commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

Slide 2--There are many painful things I deal with in my ministry but there
 Is nothing to compare with the pain that Adultery, betrayal, and the
 Broken trust brings to the marriage covenant.

Sally was driving home in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. She stopped and asked the woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got in. Sally tried to make some small talk, but the old woman just sat silently, looking at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a white bag on the seat next to Sally. "What's in the bag?" the old woman asked Sally looked down at the bag and, smiling, said, "It's a box of chocolates. I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was again silent. Then speaking slowly she said: "Good trade."

Even in this story you can read the pain behind the words.
 Good Trade.
 That is why God was so direct in his instruction about our
 Marriage relationships.

3 SLIDE--- You shall not commit Adultery.

What did God mean when he gave this commandment.

You shall not commit adultery?

-SLIDE 4 I. GOD GAVE THIS COMMANDMENT FOR OUR PLEASURE.

Marriage was Gods idea. He designed it.
 He originated it when he created Adam and eve.
 It was here **before sin** ever **crushed and cursed** this world.

SLIDE 5 - Marriage was God's design as the best place
 For the tender caring expressions of love
 Between a husband and wife.

That's why God went to a great extent to give us this warning.

Note in Hebrews 13:4 He wrote that the marriage bed should be undefiled.

And that God will judge the adulterer and sexually immoral.

SLIDE 6-(((Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4)))

In Proverbs 5:18 he said: pleasure will flow freely like a fountain,

If you share that only with the wife of your youth.

Slide 7- (((May your fountain be blessed, and 'may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. Proverbs 5:18.)))

God provided this loving relationship the freedom to belong to another and to provide for each other needs without fear of betrayal. This give us freedom and protection from promiscuity and disease..

SLIDE 8-10 -I Corinthians 7:3-5 The husband should fulfill his marital duty

to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone, but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer.

Then come back together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I Corinthians 7:3-5

You can have sex with many people

You can buy it.

Solicite it.

Deceive and lie to get it,

But you can't have sex outside the marriage relationship without damage to your spiritual being.

It will be empty, obliging, guilt filled and destructive.

A young daughter tells the story of her parents who had not been out together in quite some time. She said: "On Saturday, Mom was finishing the dinner dishes, when my father stepped up behind her. 'Would you like to go out, girl?' he asked.

She said: My mother never turned around, but said:

"Oh, yes, I'd love to!"

They had a wonderful evening, and it wasn't until the end of it that Dad confessed. His question had actually been directed to the family dog, lying near Mom's feet on the kitchen floor.”

I. GOD GAVE THIS COMMANDMENT FOR OUR PLEASURE

II. GOD GAVE THIS COMMANDMENT FOR OUR PROTECTION

You shall not commit adultery.

Sociologist and historian Carle Zimmerman, in his 1947 book *Family and Civilization*, recorded 8 specific patterns seen in the family before a society disintegrated and was lost.

Slide 12 - 1. Marriage loses its sacredness ... is frequently broken by divorce

2. Traditional meaning of the marriage ceremony is lost

3. Feminist movements abound

4. There is increased public disrespect for parents and authority in general

slide 13- 5. An acceleration of juvenile delinquency, promiscuity and rebellion occurs

6. Abandonment of the responsibility for children by the father or mother

7. An acceptance of multiple partners and cohabitation or living together.

8. An increasing interest in, and spread of, sexual perversions and sex-related crimes. *Confident Living*, November 1987, p. 34

That was discovered in 1987

God said thou shalt not commit adultery, to protect us.

Slide 14--ADULTERY= Webster defines it= as voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and someone other than his wife or between a married woman and someone other than her husband;

Statistic suggest that nearly

70% of all husbands commit adultery and

50% of all wives commit adultery. That up almost **20% more for wives**

then just 15 years ago.

A thousand times a day we are bombarded with adulterous themes sitcoms, and soap operas that glorify adultery.

Nancy Saunders, a Philadelphia Psychologist, describes traditional marriage as a failure. She said: “Society can no longer support what we think about marriage”.

Saunders who is divorced says : The old vows of marriage only make for long years of bitter unhappiness.

Ms Saunders seems to know better than God what makes for peoples happiness.
Divorce, desertion, betrayal, broken trust, abuse, guilt and shame.
Are all packaged in the breaking of this commandment.

God gave you this commandment for your protection.

Lets look at the facts of protection in a federal survey:

Slide 16- FACT: The safest place for a women to be is in a marriage relationship;
Domestic violence is almost 5 times higher for women in cohabitation
relationships.

Slide 17- FACT: The Safest place for a child to be is in an intact married family.
Their mental health, IQ, school performance and attendance is higher. Their drug
and alcohol use and delinquency is lower. A teenager in a single parent family is
22 more times more likely to end up in jail then one from a two parent family.

Slide 18- FACT: Marriage provides the safest environment for a child before
birth. Guttmacher Institute survey and the research institute used by Planned
Parenthood, both show that being conceived outside of marriage quadruples the
chances of a child being aborted.

Slide 19- FACT: The rate of divorce among couples who have lived together
before they marry is twice the rate of divorce among those who have not lived
together before marriage. The second marriage if four times more liable to be
divorced.

Slide 20 -FACT: Child abuse is six times more likely in a step family,
13 times more likely in a single mother family.
20 times more likely in a cohabiting family
and 33 times more likely when the mother lives with a boyfriend.
A child's death occur 73 times more likely when a mother lives with a boyfriend

A NURSE tells the story of a young woman who brought **seven little boys** into the
clinic. They ranged in ages from 3 to 10 years old. Nurse asked isn't it difficult to
keep them apart. The mom said no because they all have different last names.

That used to be funny but its not today.

And I'm sorry if that describes your family.

I want to say to you God knows your pain

and he know your desire to raise your children in a Godly home

and God will pour out his grace and forgiveness upon you
If you seek his will and obey his word.

Make no mistake about it.

Satan is out to destroy you, your marriage and our society.

Adultery sows the seed doubt and distrust,

Bitterness and brokenness.

A man said: My **friends** and **family** no longer respect me.

My **children** are angry and upset with me.

I have damage both my spirit and my wife's.

Physically I have been sick.

Divorce will follow .

Because Seeds of lies have been planted and I'm reaping the cost.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

God gave that commandment for our protection.

I. FOR OUR PLEASURE

II. FOR OUR PROTECTION

III. FOR OUR PRESERVATION

To save our RELATIONSHIP and our society.

The Old Testament Definition of Adultery was: Any sexual relationship outside of the marriage bond.

Jesus takes this commandment ONE STEP FATHER THEN THE O. T.

Slide 22- Matthew 5:27 You have heard that it was said, "Do not commit adultery. 28 But I

Slide 23- tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already
committed adultery with her in his heart.

Jesus is saying that adultery starts in the minds.

Slide 24--1. Stay in control of your mind.

Its not a sin to be attracted to the opposite sex.

Billy graham said it's not the first look that gets you in trouble.

It's the second and third and fourth.

Were all caught up in the attraction.

But it should end right there.

Slide 25--James 1:14 Each one is tempted when were carried away and enticed

by our own lust.

Enticed- is a fishing term which means: “to lure by bait.”

Slide 26-- James 1:15 When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Any exposure to **pornographic materials**, in magazines, movies, romance novels, video or internet is like tossing a match to gasoline.

The lie the world is trying to teach you is that you have a right to get your **physical needs met before our spiritual needs**,

I talked with a man who was bailing out on his wife and family
Involved with a third party. He said to me.

Pastor Reich, I understand what I’m doing is wrong,

But I’m miserable in my marriage.

Pastor Reich “Doesn’t God want me to be happy?”

Happy?? God wants you to be obedient.

To do the right thing

You are man enough

You are woman enough to be obedient.

And God will be there for you.

It’s easier to act your way into the right feeling

Than to feel your way into the right action.

1. STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR MIND.

Slide 27--**2. STAND BY YOUR COMMITMENT**

Decide to make your married life work.

If you’re not married and are living together—get married.

If your senior citizens and living together – get married.

Who do we trust to take care of us? Our pensions or our GOD?

God will bless your commitment and take care of you.

If you are married and are fooling around-- stop it.

Think about what it’s doing to do to your wife? your children,
and what it will do to your Christian witness

slide 28--3. BE SMART ABOUT YOUR DECISIONS.

Recognize your vulnerability.

When you're exhausted, disappointed,

Fighting with your wife. Or trouble in the family.

Friends turn up your relationship with Christ a notch.

Get involved in some small group of accountability.

Go to the Marriage Enrichments weekend in Sioux Fall in November

Our church will pay half the registration for couples to attend.

Have a date night, Read books together, Check out videos.

King David was bored and careless and fell in lust with Bathsheba.

But Be Smart

I like the story of one couple whose last child had left home for college. The husband had carefully removed his glasses and was resting his head in his wife's lap. She said sweetly "You know, honey, without your glasses you look like the same handsome young man I married." He replied with a smile: "Honey, without my glasses, you still look pretty good too!" VL.Runyan, in Dec92 Reader's Digest

Slide 29 In Matthew 10: Jesus said we are to be shrewd(wise) as snakes and innocent as doves : (((Matthew 10:16 I am sending you out aslike sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.)))

PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY

Slide 30-- 4. AND AFFIRM GOD'S VALUE OF MARRIAGE BY VOTING

November 7 we have an opportunity to affirm that which is good, best, holy and basic for our society.

To stand up for marriage covenant that has historical Authenticity.

That has been traditional recognized in the church for 4000 years,

We still began our wedding ceremony with these words.

"The covenant of marriage was established by God who created us male and female for each other. We go on to say that this "man and woman come to give themselves to one another in this holy covenant." That in it represents the covenant between Christ and his church."

Slide 31--Jesus said it should be as it was in the beginning.

(((But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, slide 32--and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate. Mark 10:6-9)))

I believe the Bible is right about sexuality and that all such behavior stays within marriage between a man and a woman.

A man leaves father and mother and is joined to his wife.

And they become one flesh.

That one flesh was to fulfill the command in Genesis when God said:

To fill the earth with children.

Slide 33-- Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them. Be fruitful and increase in numbers, fill the earth and subdue it.

A homosexual relationship cannot do that.

There are inherent dangers with homosexual behavior and Biblical prohibitions against homosexuality still stand today. Satan always distort and destroys what God has created as good.

In a world that has “divorced our sexuality from marriage”

We now want to “divorce our sexuality from gender.”

The Bible never condones any sexual relationship outside the Protection of a marriage covenant.

Slide 34--Will you as the church take a stand that will not be Popular, politically correct or acceptable in the world. And obey this command.

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

For our PLEASURE

OUR PROTECTION

AND the PROVISION FOR A SOUND HOME AND SOCIETY.

May God bless us as we live for Him

And keep the marriage covenant.