

Ten Commandments (Part 50)
(The Seventh Commandment – Part 2)

Exodus 20:14: “*You shall not commit adultery.*”

I. Introduction

-Definition of Adultery

-Prohibition of Adultery

-Punishment of Adultery (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Heb. 13:4)

-Spiritual Significance of Adultery (Jer. 3:1-10; 5:7-11; Ezek. 23:37; Hos. 2, 3; Mal. 2:10-16; Eph. 5:22-33).

II. Jesus’ Application of the 7th Commandment

-Matt. 5:27, 28

-Jesus condemns lustful desire, not merely lustful plans or actions (James 1:14, 15)

-‘to lust’ (KJV, NKJ, 1977 NAS) versus ‘with lust’ (ESV, 1995 NAS)

John Calvin: “*This teaches us that not only those who form a deliberate purpose of fornication, but those who admit any polluted thoughts are reckoned adulterous before God.*”

-The God-Appointed Sphere for Sexual Expression: Marriage

John Murray: “*The desire for the sex act outside that divinely instituted and strictly guarded sanctuary which God has reserved for the man and his wife alone is wrong. And it is from this fountain of desire (i. e. the desire for sex outside of marriage) that proceed all the evils by which the sanctity of sex is desecrated.*”

-7th Commandment condemns all forms of sexual impurity, not just adultery.

Practical Lessons

1) Have you committed adultery?

2) Has Jesus forgiven you of your adultery?