

“The Sin of Adultery” **Exodus 20:14**

Introduction: What is adultery according to the Bible?

1. The Definition of Adultery
 - a. “adultery” (Strong’s)- “to commit adultery with, have unlawful intercourse with another's wife”
 - b. “adultery” (Webster’s)- “In common usage, adultery means the unfaithfulness of any married person to the marriage bed.”
2. The Destruction of Adultery
 - a. Upward- Against God Jeremiah 13:27- *“I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?”*
 - b. Outward- Against the Church I Samuel 2:22- *“Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”*
 - c. Inward- Against the Temple Proverbs 6:32- *“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”*
 - d. Toward- Against the Spouse and Children Hosea 2:1-2- *“Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;”*
3. The Destination of Adultery Proverbs 7:27- *“Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.”*

Body: Let us look at the different aspects of adultery in the Bible.

- I. The Perils of Adultery
 - A. Look at the Society- We are living in a sex soaked society
Jeremiah 23:10- *“For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.”*
 - B. Look at the Statistics
 1. Marriage rate has dropped 43%
 2. In the last 30 years, divorce rate has doubled
 3. 42% of teenagers polled claimed to have sexual relationships
 4. Every day in America 2,975 teenagers get pregnant
 5. Every day in America 7,742 teenagers become sexually active
 6. Every day in America 2,556 children are born out of wedlock
 7. It is estimated that this year in America that 70% of all black children and 30% of all white children will be born out of wedlock

8. In January, 2000, 17.5 million internet surfers visited adult pornography
 9. Of the 40 million adults that visit pornographic websites, seven million identified themselves as Christians
- C. Look at the Snare II Peter 2:14- *“Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:”*
- D. Look at the Sentence Proverbs 6:33- *“A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.”*

II. The Presumption of Adultery

- A. In Marriage Matthew 5:32- *“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.”*
- Mark 10:9-12- *“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.”*
- Luke 16:18- *“Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.”*
- B. In Morals Proverbs 30:20- *“Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.”*
- Judges 17:6- *“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”*

III. The Provoking to Adultery

- A. The Lips of Adultery Proverbs 5:3- *“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil.”*
- B. The Lies of Adultery Proverbs 7:5- *“That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.”*
- C. The Look of Adultery Proverbs 7:10- *“And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.”*
1. Clothing I Timothy 2:9- *“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;”*
 2. Cosmetics
 - a. Revelation 2:20-22- *“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. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that*

commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.”

- b. II Kings 9:30- *“And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.”*

- D. The Loudness of Adultery Proverbs 7:11- *“(She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:”*
- E. The Lunging of Adultery Proverbs 7:13- *“So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,”*
- F. The Lures to Adultery Proverbs 7:17- *“I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.”*

IV. The Punishment for Adultery

- A. Death Leviticus 20:10- *“And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”*
- B. Damnation I Corinthians 6:9- *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,”*
Hebrews 13:4- *“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”*

V. The Pardon from Adultery John 8:1-11

- A. The Rage to Stone vs. 4-5- *“They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?”*
- B. The Realization of Sin vs. 6-9- *“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. 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. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 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.”*
- C. The Repentance from Sin vs. 10-11- *“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? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”*

VI. The Prevention of Adultery (It is not the unpardonable sin.)

- A. Watch Your Touch I Corinthians 7:1- *“Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.”*
Proverbs 6:27- *“Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?”*

- B. Watch Your Talk Colossians 4:6- *“Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”*
- C. Watch Your Travels Proverbs 5:8- *“Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:”*
- D. Watch Your Thoughts
 - 1. Corrupt Thoughts Matthew 5:28- *“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 15:19- *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:”*
 - 2. Controlled Thoughts I Peter 1:13- *“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”*

Conclusion: Job 24:15- *“The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.”*