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Section: Commands (Law)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q51. Why does God give the seventh commandment: You shall not commit adultery?**

So we will love others from a faithful and pure heart.

**Matthew 5:21-22** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment …”

**What Is Adultery?**

**Adultery** (moicheuō): The unlawful betrayal of the marriage covenant by any form of sexual intimacy or engagement with someone who is not your spouse.

**Adultery**: Unauthorized sexual conduct with someone who is not your spouse or with someone who has a spouse

**WOTC Q29**: Marriage is a covenant relationship whereby God joins together one man and one woman into a one-flesh union designed to be faithful and last until the couple is separated by death.

**Ephesians 5:31-32** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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

**Matthew 5:27-30** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”

**1 Cor. 6:18** (NLT) Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

**Heart Issues that Break the Seventh Commandment**:

1. Discontentment
2. Pride

**What Are the Consequences of Breaking the Seventh Commandment?**

1. **In the Old Covenant**

**Leviticus 20:10** “If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”

**Deuteronomy 22:22** “If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.”

**Proverbs 5:1-2** My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

**Proverbs 5:3** For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil

**Proverbs 5:4-5** but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol

**Proverbs 5:7-8** And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house.

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**Proverbs 5:9-11** lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed

**Proverbs 5:12-13** … “How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors.”

**Proverbs 5:21** For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths.

1. **In the New Covenant**

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality

**James 1:15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

**What is Spiritual Adultery?**

**James 4:4a** You adulterous people!

**Isaiah 54:5-6** “For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.”

**Jeremiah 3:20** “Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the Lord.”

**Hosea 1:2** When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.”

**Romans 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Ephesians 5:25-26** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

**2 Timothy 2:13** if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

**Romans 8:37-39** … in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Practical Applications of “Loving Others from a Faithful and Pure Heart”**

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-5** (NIV1984) It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God

**Matthew 5:8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

**1 John 1:8–10** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.