

The consequences

- II Sam 12:14 *By this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.* [Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10; I Thes. 2:12]
- Proverbs 2:18 *[the adulteress's] tracks lead to the dead.*
- Proverbs 5:4 *in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.*
- Proverbs 6:29 *whoever touches her will not go unpunished.*
- Matthew 5:29 *If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*

The hope

- Ezekiel 16:63 *when I have forgiven you for all that you have done.*
- Jeremiah 3:11-12 *Faithless Israel has proved herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.* ¹² *"Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD; 'I will not look upon you in anger. For I am gracious,' declares the LORD; 'I will not be angry forever.'"*
- Psalm 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* [Psalm 51]
- Hosea 14:4 *I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely.* [Is. 43:25; 57:15-19; Matt. 9:12-13; I John 1:9; Rom. 3:23-24; II Cor. 5:19-21]

The cure

Proverbs 2:3-5

5:1-3

6:23-24

7:1-5

9:10

CHRIST IN THE OLD COVENANT **You Shall Not Commit Adultery, Week 2**

Matthew 15:19

Physical and spiritual adultery

- Jeremiah 3:20 *Surely, as a woman treacherously departs from her lover, So you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel," declares the LORD.* [Hosea 3:1; Hosea 5:7; Jere. 3:1f.; Ezekiel 16]

Why is adultery sin?

- It is unfaithfulness, and God is always faithful.
 - Proverbs 2:17 *leaves the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.*
- Faithfulness is part of the image of Christ.
 - Revelation 19:11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True.* [Rev. 1:5; 3:14; John 8:29]
- Faithfulness delights God.
 - Proverbs 12:22 *Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.*
 - Joshua 24:14 *Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth.*
 - I Samuel 12:24 *Only fear the Lord and serve him in truth with all your heart.*
 - Matthew 23:23 *You have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness.*
- Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit.
 - Galatians 5:22 *the fruit of the Spirit is ... faithfulness.* [Gal. 5:19]

- Adultery violates the second greatest commandment.
 - Romans 13:9 *For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."*
 - Proverbs 7:18 *Come let us drink our fill of love until morning.*
- Our body is Christ's.
 - I Corinthians 6:13, 15 *The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord.... Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!* [I Cor. 6:12-20; 3:16-17; Rom. 6:12-13; 12:1; 14:7-9; II Cor. 5:15; I Thes. 4:3-7]
- Adultery misportrays the love of Christ.
 - I John 4:11 *If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* [Eph. 5:25-33; I John 3:16; Matthew 18:33; John 13:34; 15:12; Eph. 4:32; 5:2; Col. 3:13]
- Adultery trivializes marriage.
 - Hebrews 13:4 *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled.* [Matt. 19:6]

The scope of the commandment

- Matthew 5:27-28 *"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

The core heart issue

- II Peter 2:24 *having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;*

- Ephesians 4:19 *and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.* [II Samuel 11; Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 6:25]
- Genesis 39:8-9 *"Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge."⁹ "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"*

The pull

- II Peter 2:14 *eyes full of adultery.*
- Prov. 7:10 *a woman dressed as a harlot.* [Matt. 5:27-29; Job 31:1; Prov. 4:25; Ps. 101:3; 119:37]
- Proverbs 22:14 *the mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; He who is cursed of the Lord will fall into it.*
- Proverbs 2:16 *the adulteress flatters with her words.*
- Proverbs 5:3 *The lips of an adulteress drip honey and smoother than oil is her speech.*

The setting

- Jeremiah 5:7b *When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the harlot's house.*
- II Samuel 11:1 *at the time when kings go out to battle ... David stayed at Jerusalem.*
- Deuteronomy 8:14, 17 *then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God ... you may say in your heart 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'* [Deut. 32:15; Eze. 16:49-50; Hosea 2:5, 8, 12; Habakkuk 1:16]