

14 - The Seventh Commandment - Exodus 20:14 - 2014-04-27

Call to Worship: Philippians 4:8

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8

Sermon: "The Seventh Commandment" Exodus 20:14; Genesis 39:1-12

Benediction: Proverbs 30:5

INTRODUCTION

Read the text: Exodus 20:14

In some of the Ten Commandments sermons so far, we have turned to some part of bible history that tells the story of people obeying or disobeying the commandment. This approach has worked well, it seems to me, so I went looking for a way to expound this 7th commandment by that same method. To that end, please turn with me to Genesis 39. We'll read Genesis 39:1-12, and use that as a framework for exposition of the commandment.

Read the text: Genesis 39:1-12

BODY

We have here two people, one of them committing adultery, and the other not committing adultery. Let's consider

I. What is it to commit adultery?

A. to be discontent, dissatisfied with how God is providing for you as to marriage (7a)

1. in this case a married woman dissatisfied with her husband
2. in other cases a single person discontent to wait

B. to cast longing eyes on the form and appearance of someone to whom you are not married (6b, 7b)

1. see in this very old story the truth that the Lord Jesus taught us: the commandment not to commit adultery extends to the eyes and the heart
2. anyone here who would say, "I'm no horrible sinner. I don't need to be saved from the wrath of God. I'm not that bad a person," understand that your lustful looks and thoughts condemn you in the courtroom of God just as surely as the actual physical act of adultery
3. any Christian who would excuse his or her lustful looking, take heed! The sin of adultery is already committed when it has been enjoyed in the heart and the eyes. Do not excuse yourself, but take control of your eyes and your thoughts, and do not look lustfully, committing adultery in your heart!

C. to tempt someone to whom you are not married (7c)

II. What is it NOT to commit adultery, but to maintain chastity? Not to commit adultery, but to maintain purity?

- A. to take seriously the stewardship God has given you (8b-9a)
- B. to appreciate the generosity of God (9b)
- C. to grasp the great wickedness of adultery (9c)
- D. to grasp that adultery ultimately is sin against God Himself (9d)
- E. To give honor to the name of the Lord

1 Pe 3.1-2

E. This is what the Lord Jesus has done for us!

1. He took seriously the stewardship God had given Him, and proved Himself faithful in all God's house
2. He appreciated the generosity of God in giving Him an elect people to save
3. He grasped the great wickedness of adultery and of every other sin
 - a. it's not fun
 - b. it's not harmless
4. He understood that adultery, along with every other sin, ultimately is against God, and He would not sin against God in any way
5. The Lord Jesus never committed adultery, and never sinned against God or His fellow man in any other way, either. He was living out a righteousness from God, a righteousness that would be imputed to all who believe in Him.

a. You would like to be counted as not an adulterer in the day of judgment, right? Consider:

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, (10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (11) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

b. Dare you trust in your own righteousness, your own goodness, your own record and status regarding adultery?

F. And this is what we must do, living the Christian life

1. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must say, "God has committed so much to me, as a steward, a caretaker. I must prove faithful to that trust, not unfaithful. I must prove a good servant, not a wicked one."
2. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must say, "God generously has given me so much from His hand, how could I descend to the such ingratitude as to steal from Him what He has not given me?"
3. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must say, "Adultery is no small thing. It is between stealing and murder! It is a great wickedness. It is a great destroyer of people's lives, including my own."

4. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must say, “If I do this thing, I rebel against God, who made me and takes care of me. I rebel against God, who loves me so much that He sent His Son to die for my sins. How could I shake my fist in God’s face and break His law while He looks on?”

IV. Again, what is it to commit adultery?

- A. It is to refuse good moral instruction about sexual purity (9-10)
- B. It is to seek out unlawful sexual pleasure day after day (10a)
 - 1. it is well known that the various kinds of sexual deviancy can be highly addictive
 - 2. people who start down the road of perversion, seeking sexual pleasure some other way that through the God-given marriage relationship are prone to becoming obsessed

V. Again, what is it not to commit adultery, but to remain chaste, to stay pure?

- A. It is to refuse to heed the arguments of temptation (10b)
 - 1. We know from Proverbs 7 what they are
 - a. It will feel so good
 - b. It is an expression of love
 - c. No one will find out
 - 2. to remain chaste, to stay pure, is to reject such arguments
- B. It is to refuse any physical intimacy with someone who is not your husband or wife, even if it stops short of actual sexual union (10c)
 - 1. she initially demands that Joseph lie “with” her
 - 2. then she asks that he at least lie down “near” her
 - 3. It is all too common for your flesh to say, “We are staying pure” even though you are trying to enjoy every physical intimacy short of the actual sex act
- C. It is to avoid even being alone with the one who tempts you (10d)
- D. And this is what the Lord Jesus has done for us!
 - 1. He did not heed the words of the devil himself, but countered every lie of the devil with the truth of the bible
 - 2. He did not commit adultery; nor did He commit any other sin
 - 3. Tell me, whose record would you trust to present to the judge at the final judgment?
 - a. Lord, here is my record of faithfulness
 - b. Lord, here is the record of the faithfulness of Jesus Christ - I’m with Him!
- E. And this is what we must do, living the Christian life
 - 1. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must not heed the words of the devil, though they be delivered by the most beautiful or handsome of lips
 - 2. When temptation comes to commit adultery, we must stay not inches away from the physical act, but miles away

VII. Again, what is it to commit adultery?

- A. It is to do what only can be done in secret; no one must find out (11)
- B. It is to appeal to another person to sin with you (12a)
 - 1. this is part of the tragedy of adultery: you can commit adultery in your heart all by yourself, but in order actually to commit the physical act of adultery, you have to convince another person to sin with you
 - 2. that person, of course, has people depending on him or her to be faithful; if the two of you commit adultery, the hurt of it will wound those people, also

VIII. Again, what is it not to commit adultery?

- A. It is to escape temptation even by drastic measures if necessary (12b)

- 1. Joseph slipped out of his garment to escape
- 2. The Lord Jesus taught us this truth in vivid figure of speech---who can fail to grasp the power of it, and who can forget it?

Matthew 5:29-30 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. (30) And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Of course no one is literally to cut off any parts of his body. Make no mistake about that. But in resisting temptations to adultery, drastic measures must be taken.

- 1. if a favorite magazine, newspaper, or website has become full of sensual images or stories that lead your thoughts into lust, you must cut off what you need to cut off in order to escape the temptation
- 2. if a friend or co-worker is a sore temptation to you, you may have to do something radical to escape the temptation

- B. It is to flee temptation, to run away from it (12c)

- 1. Joseph ran until he was outside of the house
- 2. The Lord Jesus has taught us this truth in the plainest language through the apostle Paul

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee sexual immorality.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee . . . youthful lusts

CONCLUSION

Joseph, despite maintaining chastity, resisting the temptation to commit adultery, was falsely accused of that very sin and punished for it even though personally innocent. This was God's perfect plan all along, even though it seemed so bad at the time. He was sent down into the dungeon, yet was raised up out of the dungeon to be made ruler of the kingdom. As ruler, he saved his brothers, the children of Israel, from death in the famine. He saved them even though they had hated him and betrayed him.

Let this point us to the Lord Jesus Christ. Despite maintaining perfect chastity and righteousness in every area, He was falsely accused of sin. This was God's perfect plan all along, even though it seemed so terrible at the time. The Lord Jesus was punished not for His own sin, being innocent, but for the sins of others---sinners whom He died to redeem out of their slavery and free from their imprisonment; sinners who would die in their sins if He did not save them, even sinners who had hated and betrayed Him.

Hodgins:

not ruining the picture God's institution of marriage portrays
do everything you can to make it easy for your spouse to be faithful
means:

temperance

modesty

marital love "let her breasts satisfy you"

see Hosea 2:19-20

INTRODUCTION

In days past we were shown, in the long centuries of Israel and Judah, just how faithful we would be according to our own flesh. All of God's gracious dealings with Israel---how he rescued them from slavery in Egypt, how He made covenant with them at Mount Sinai, how He gave them the promised land of Canaan for their inheritance, how he made them rich in a rich land---were met with unfaithfulness from the people. They made a golden calf; they made treaties with the pagans; they worshiped the false gods of the Canaanites; they offered their children in the fire as sacrifices to the false gods.

All of this demonstrated what sinful people do. And we live in the same flesh the Israelites had. And God speaks of this unfaithfulness in these terms:

He married Israel, entering the marriage covenant

He provided her rich clothing

He adorned her with fine jewelry

He provided her delicious food, and plenty of it

In response, she committed adultery with everyone who would have her

This is what we would do if left to what comes naturally to our own sinful flesh.

BODY

I. What is it to keep myself from adultery and all other sins of that type?

A. to maintain a right view of the marriage relationship

1. not prohibiting or hindering the right practice of it

II. Why should I keep myself from adultery and all other sins of that type?

- A. because the Lord Jesus did so, and God beckons us to be holy as He is holy
- B. to make disciples for Jesus Christ
- 1 Peter 3:2. While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.
- C. because God considers marriage and married love honorable
- D. because God will bless adulterers
- E. because it will cost you much more than you think it will

III. How can I keep myself and others from adultery and all other sins of that type?

- A. assert control over yourself
- Job 31:1. I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?
- B. get married
- 1 Corinthians 7:2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.
- C. Treat the words of the bible like treasure; this will lead you to fear the LORD and know Him; fear of the LORD brings wisdom; wisdom delivers you from the immoral person who would tempt you to adultery
- D. Dress modestly; not with flashy, eye-catching hairdos, makeup, jewelry, and clothes, but in a way that is sober and moderate
- E. Enjoy the pleasures of your own wife or husband
- F. Think of how irrational it is to embrace someone who is not your own wife or husband
- G. Give proper respect and understanding toward your husband or wife
- H. Stay far from what tempts you
- I. Do not listen to requests or demands of the immoral
- J. Refuse to tolerate adultery in the church
- K. Guard your heart, since all adultery comes out of it

See how God uses adultery to warn us against idolatry

Proverbs 6:23-35 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, (24) To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress. (25) Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. (26) For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. (27) Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? (28) Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? (29) So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent. (30) People do not

despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. (31) Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house. (32) Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul. (33) Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away. (34) For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. (35) He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

Galatians 5:16-26 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

2 Peter 2:14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.

Matthew 15:10-20 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: (11) Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." (12) Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" (13) But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. (14) Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." (15) Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." (16) So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? (17) Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? (18) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. (19) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (20) These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

Mark 7:14-23 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: (15) There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. (16) If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" (17) When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. (18) So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, (19) because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated,

thus purifying all foods?" (20) And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. (21) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, (22) thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. (23) All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

James 4:3-5 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. (4) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (5) Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

Q. 137. *Which is the seventh commandment?*

A. The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Q. 138. *What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?*

A. The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

Q. 139. *What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?*

A. The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are, adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; wanton looks, impudent or light behavior, immodest apparel; prohibiting of lawful, and dispensing with unlawful marriages; allowing, tolerating, keeping of stews, and resorting to them; entangling vows of single life, undue delay of marriage; having more wives or husbands than one at the same time; unjust divorce, or desertion; idleness, gluttony, drunkenness, unchaste company; lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays; and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.

1 Thessalonians 4:4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.

Job 31:1. I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

1 Corinthians 7:34. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

[\[768\]](#)

Colossians 4:6. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

[\[769\]](#)

1 Peter 3:2. While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

[770] 1 Corinthians 7:2, 35-36. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.... And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

[771] Job 31:1. I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

[772] Acts 24:24-25. And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

[773] Proverbs 2:16-20. To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

[774] 1 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.

[775] 1 Corinthians 7:2, 9. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.... But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

[776] Proverbs 5:19-20. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

[777] 1 Peter 3:7. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

[778] Proverbs 31:11, 27-28. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.... She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

[779] Proverbs 5:8. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house. Genesis 39:8-10. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

[780] Proverbs 5:7. Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

[781] Hebrews 13:4. Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Galatians 5:19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

[782] 2 Samuel 13:14. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. 1 Corinthians 5:1. It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

[783] Romans 1:24, 26-27. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.... For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. Leviticus 20:15-16. And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

[784] 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. Colossians 3:5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

[785] Ephesians 5:3-4. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. Proverbs 7:5, 21-22. That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.... With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks.

[786] Isaiah 3:16. Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet. 2 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.

[787] Proverbs 7:10, 13. And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.... So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him....

[788] 1 Timothy 4:3. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

[789] Leviticus 18:1-21. Mark 6:18. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Malachi 2:11-12. Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

[790] 1 Kings 15:12. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 2 Kings 23:7. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. Deuteronomy 23:17-18. There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God. Leviticus 19:29. Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. Jeremiah 5:7. How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. Proverbs 7:24-27. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

[791] Matthew 19:10-11. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

[792] 1 Corinthians 7:7-9. For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. Genesis 38:26. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

[793] Malachi 2:14-15. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. Matthew 19:5. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

[794] Malachi 2:16. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. 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.

[795] 1 Corinthians 7:12-13. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

[796] Ezekiel 16:49. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. Proverbs 23:30-33. They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup,

when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

[797] Genesis 39:19. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. Proverbs 5:8. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house.

[798] Ephesians 5:4. Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. Ezekiel 23:14-16. And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity: And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. Isaiah 23:15-17. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. Isaiah 3:16. Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet. Mark 6:22. And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. Romans 13:13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 1 Peter 4:3. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.

[799] 2 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. Jeremiah 4:30. And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. Ezekiel 23:40. And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments.