

# Exodus 39 - Seventh Precept Committing Adultery Daily

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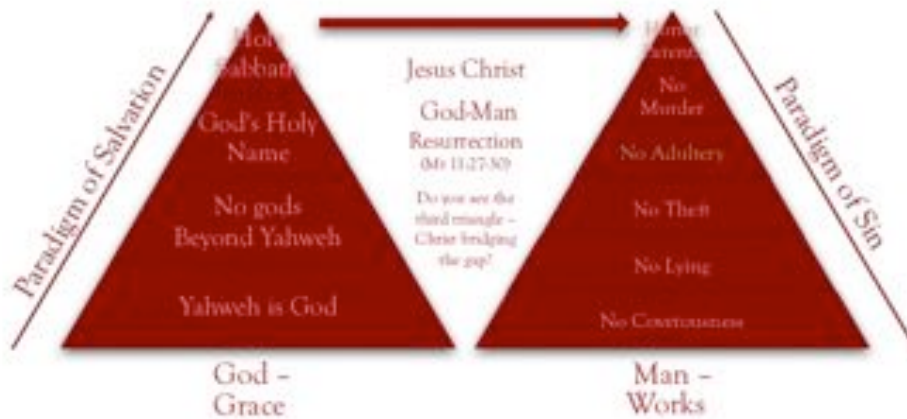


## Seventh Precept

Spiritual adultery occurs *before* physical adultery expresses itself

Adultery, transference of affection, from one's covenant *love* to *anyone, anything*, revealing one's true love - *self* (Idolatry)

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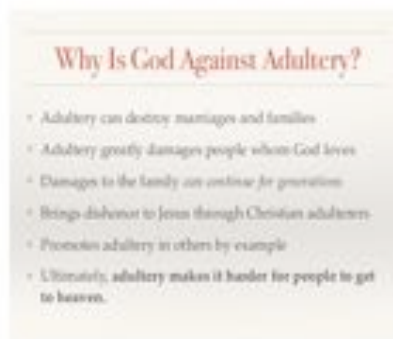
## Adultery – A Fading Concept

- Covenantal relationships have no meaning today
- Non-marital relationships appear to negate adultery
- Women's lib does not strengthen women but makes them prey for men



## Missing the Point!

- People concentrate on the physical, missing spiritual
- Root of infidelity not realized and addressed
- Issue is not correction of behavior but revelation of one's true spiritual father



## Start at the Beginning

- God told woman that her seed (child) would destroy sin (Satan) to restore man's relationship with God (Ge 3:15)
- Woman's responsibility to safeguard her lineage so that God's Seed could come (Adultery to prevent Messiah)
- Man's abrogation of his responsibilities put him in conflict with woman, to prey on her for his lusts

## No, the *real* Beginning (Ge 2:20-24)

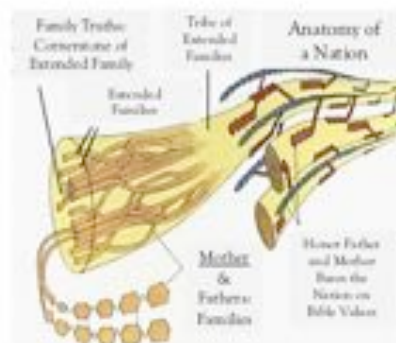
- God made woman from man and their covenantal union was a *reunion* of their flesh
- When a man and woman marry they become one body to create life (children) in God's image but in sin (Ps 51:5)
- Thus, when God would not allow Satan to kill Job, he also could not kill his wife either' (Job 2:14, 9)

## Immature Only See the Physical

- The Hebrews understood this as physical relationships
  - The Law had severe penalties for married (betrothed) women who violated their oaths - Stoning
  - Unmarried, unchaste women would be cast out of their family and had to prostitute themselves to live
  - Men caught "polluting" another man's wife would be stoned as he was attached to her adultery

## Women - Foundation of Nation

- Sons left their fathers to est. their family (Ge 2:24)
- Women taught children their heritage, morality
- Extended families formed tribes and tribes became a nation on shared morality



## Adulterous Woman Destroys Nation

- Woman who abrogates her union harms the kids and teaches lies as truth
- This changes the national character away from God
- Nation that *liberates* women *enslaves everyone*



## Responsibility of Womanhood

- Eve raised Cain to be her redeemer to redeem her sin
  - She rejected Abel, and other sons, until after his sin'
  - Cain unable to control his sin, killed Abel vice save him
  - Her teachings precipitated:
    - Abel's death
    - Cain's exiled to land of Wanderers (Nod) (God rejecters)
- Law sought to protect women from sinful influence

## Pattern of Adultery - Sin

- The first interaction between Adam, Eve and Satan set the pattern for all sin - This was the first adultery
  - Man *explained* God to Eve, to instruct and protect her
  - Eve was *alone* and approached by Satan
  - Satan *enticed* Eve to reject God and thus, her husband
  - She followed Satan *unwittingly* into sin then *enticed* man
  - Man *knowingly* sins to follow Eve, he supposed to lead

## Law Designed to Protect Everyone

- Law gave responsibilities and penalties to:
  - Wife (Betrothed) to protect her
  - Husband responsible to:
    - Teach wife and children
    - Protect family (Inward)
    - Protect nation (Outward)
- Husband to serve wife and family; they to follow

## Man Also Responsible

- Any man caught in the act of adultery was stoned (Dt 22:22)
  - Man who committed adultery to be killed (Dt 6:10-10)
  - Man suffers spiritual degradation for adultery (Dt 2:36-19; 5:1-6)
  - No godly family would give daughter to immoral man
- Adultery had consequences for men, women, & nation
- Tribal life kept people in check, urban life did not

## Hebrews Not to Marry Other Cultures

- The error of Balaam, teaching Balak to have his "daughters" marry Hebrews "sons" to promote idolatry and destroy Israel's heritage (No Messiah) (Nu 25:1-5; Re 2:14)
  - Women would teach children idolatry and knowledge of God would cease, men would change to please wife (Ec 3:1)
  - Occurred in Israel's history (Solomon's foreign wives)
- Did not apply to women who believed God (Ruth)

## Axial Age Prophets' Messages

- God, via the prophets, used covenantal marriage as a metaphor for Israel's relationship with Him Isa. 23
  - Israel and Judah played the harlot chasing idols Isa. 3, Ez. 23
  - God married to Israel, He remembers the covenant Isa. 62
  - The offering of children to Molech (Prevent Messiah)
- This moved adultery from the physical to the spiritual, language used for one applies to the other, even today

## Christ Defines Adultery

- Christ defined adultery as personal immorality that begins from sinful spirituality (lustful heart) Mat. 5:27-28
  - He applies immorality primarily to men, though he does not exempt women, making men the active agent
  - He links divorce with adultery (killing the covenant) that enc. men and women into non-covenant unions to destroy the moral foundations of the family and the nation – *legitimized then normalized immorality* Mat. 5:31-32, 19:1-9

## Marriage Metaphor for Church

- Christ uses the marriage as a metaphor for the Church
  - He is the Husband – Church is the Wife Eph. 5:22-32
  - Extends Old Testament metaphor: Christ and Hebrews
  - Looks back to the union of Adam and Eve
  - Every New Covenant believer a part of His body Eph. 2:11-17
- Thus, Christians who **willfully** sin commit immorality, having *adulterous* relationships with Satan – idolatry 1Pe. 3:10-16; 2Pe. 2:1-19

## All Sin is Immorality

- Christians must discern that the “small” sins reveal the deceptiveness of the flesh (1Pe 5:3-10)
  - Coarse jesting reveals impure (immoral) heart
  - Promotes impure thoughts and deeds
  - Aligns one with those who do the same
  - Christians are to be “lights” revealing the truth of God
  - Christians are to practice discernment and reject sin

## False Teachers – Adulterers

- False teachers, like false prophets of old, teach false doctrine to legitimize lies to promote spiritual and physical adultery (divorce) and destroy: (1Pe 2:19)
  - Families
  - Nations
  - The Gospel (Remove truth from the earth)
  - Your faith and hope to leave only Satan as an alternative (1Pe 3:12-13)

## All Sin is Adultery

- Adultery is the breaking of covenantal relationships
  - Spouse rejecting spouse for anyone else, no exception
  - Rebellion is the rejecting of God for Self, I have control
  - Sinner seeks to replace “weakness” with “power” but trades security for insecurity: fear of punishment (1Jn 3:19-24)
  - Christian to repent to Christ at Bema Seat (1Co. 5:10)
  - Lost remain unrepentant of works at White Throne (Re 20:11-15)