

Title: No Adultery

Text: Exodus 20:14 *“Do not commit adultery”*

Target: Purity is not a line; it is a direction!

- I. **God's Gift of Matrimony:** Genesis 2:18-23
 - A. **Companionship:** *“not good that the man should be alone”* (Vs. 18)
 - B. **Compatibility:** *“helper fit for him”* (Vs. 18, 20)
 - C. **Complementary:** *“And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.”* (Vs. 22)
 1. **Role:** Headship & Helpmate
 2. **Responsibility:** Complete each other!
 - D. **Covenant:** *“So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”* (Matthew 19:6)
- II. **God's Guide toward Intimacy:** Genesis 2:24-25
 - A. **God's Design:** *“And they shall become one flesh.”* (Vs 24)
 1. **Procreation:** *“Be fruitful and multiply”* (Genesis 1:28)
 2. **Pleasure:** *“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”* (Vs. 25)
 - a) **Ra'yah:** Friendship and Fellowship
 - b) **Ahabah:** Loyalty and Commitment
 - c) **Dowd:** Mingling of the souls
 - B. **God's Desire:** Hebrews 13:4
 1. **Honor Marriage:** *“Let marriage be held in honor among all”* (Vs. 4a)
 - a) **Do not be Deceived:** Business creates Blurriness.
 - b) **Do not Deprive:** 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
 2. **Holiness in Marriage:** *“and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and the adulterous.”* (Vs. 4b)
 - a) **Do not Defile:** *“Flee from sexual immorality.”* (1 Corinthians 6:18)
 - b) **Do not Deviate:** *“Drink water from your own cistern.”* (Proverbs 5:15)

Special Note: Sermon on Kingdom People on Matthew 5:31-32 (Sept. 14/15/19)

- III. **God's Guard toward Purity:** Matthew 5:27-30
 - A. **Acknowledge the Temptation Personally:** *“I say to you.”* (Vs. 28)
 1. Condemnation Vs. Conviction
 2. Grace & Truth
 - B. **Account for the Temptation Visibly** (Vs. 28)
 1. **To Observe:** *“Looks at a woman”*
 2. **To Obsess:** *“Lustful intent”*
 3. **To Obtain:** *“has already committed adultery with her in his heart”*
 - C. **Avoid the Temptation Practically:** (Vs. 29-30)
 1. **Establish Boundaries:** Can't Do!
 2. **Establish Barriers:** Must Do!
 - a) Capture every thought: 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - b) Claim every truth: Psalm 119:11
 - D. **Address the Temptation with Accountability:** 1 Corinthians 10:13
 1. Pledge towards Purity
 2. Move towards Marriage

Takeaway: God cares about your happiness, but He is consumed by His holiness.