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.