

The Ten Commandments (7): Purity Matters

Exodus 20:14

I. The Definition of Key Terms

- A. Adultery is sexual involvement with someone other than your spouse.
- B. Marriage is a permanent covenant in which one man and one woman commit spiritually, emotionally, and sexually to each other.

II. The Seventh Commandment celebrates marriage.

- A. Marriage is a divine institution (Genesis 2:21-22a).
- B. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:22b).
- C. Marriage is covenantal and sacred (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:22-33; Malachi 2:14).

III. The Seventh Commandment forbids adultery.

- A. Adultery defies God (Genesis 39:9; Psalm 51:4).
- B. Adultery denies love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).
- C. Adultery destroys families (Deuteronomy 5:29; Proverbs 6:32-33).

IV. The Cure for Adultery

- A. Purposely avoid lust - producing situations (Job 31:1; 2 Timothy 2:22).
- B. Purposely choose purity (John 8:10-11; Psalm 32:3-5).