

Exodus 20:14
October 5, 2014

Open with Prayer

HOOK:

Last week we continued our study of the Ten Commandments and got through one commandment. Today we will pick up where we left off by continuing our study of the Ten Commandments beginning with the seventh commandment, which is “Do not commit adultery.” Let’s begin with the Scripture text.

BOOK (NIV 1984):

Observations/Process Qs-

[Read 20:14]

V.14:

- “You shall not commit adultery.”
- Q: What is “adultery?” = **Adultery** (*nā’ap*) refers to infidelity on the part of either men or women (Lev. 20:10) It is a violation of a covenant marriage of another.
- Q: How have you been negatively affected by adultery? Perhaps some of you have lost a marriage because of an unfaithful spouse. Perhaps you were a child who watched your family become broken because of it.
- Sermon Theme (Dr. Haney): Adultery doesn’t just do serious damage to an individual, a family, or a community, but it does more damage to us spiritually and as a society.
- Q: Do you agree with Dr. Haney’s thesis? Do you think our culture has gotten too accustomed or casual about adultery?
 - First, it tears apart families. There is **no acceptable rationale for adultery.** **NONE.** In fact, Jesus wants us to get desperate to protect the marriage. Matt 5:27-30. Even the thought of adultery is an invitation to vigorously protect the oneness of marriage.
 - Q: What are some of the justifications people use to commit adultery? [I’m lonely; my spouse neglects me; my spouse is abusive; etc] Do we understand that as hard as these scenarios are that there is no acceptable reason to commit adultery?
 - Second, adultery is so devastating that it is a deep, spiritual wound, and an insult to God’s character. It’s a slap in God’s face.
 - Q: What part of God’s character is insulted? [Oneness – God is One. He unifies. He represents wholeness and integrity. Gen 2:24 “Man shall become ‘one’”]
 - When adultery is committed, it ruins the fabric of oneness in our society. We are all affected.
- Commentary (Toussaint): This commandment is directed toward protecting the sanctity of the home (Heb. 13:4; see comments on Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:1–12), the fundamental building block of society. The marital vow is a holy commitment that should **not** be violated by sexual unfaithfulness under any circumstances. **Adultery** (*nā’ap*) refers to infidelity on the part of either men or women (Lev. 20:10).
- X-Ref: Matt. 5:27–28; 1 Cor. 5:1–13, 6:9–11, 18-20; Heb. 13:4

- X-REF: John 8:1-11 Q: What is Jesus's admonition to the woman caught in adultery?
[Go NOW and leave your life of sin.]
- The most memorable statement Dr. Haney made while preaching on this commandment was basically "STOP IT!"

LOOK:

Let's invite the Holy Spirit to reveal to us who is in our circle of influence who needs our unconditional love, support, and encouragement as they deal with the emotional and spiritual and even financial damage that can occur because of adultery.

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Commentaries for Today's Lesson:

Wiersbe, W. W. (1993). *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament* (Ex 19–20). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

G. Do not commit adultery (Matt. 5:27–28; 1 Cor. 5:1–13, 6:9–20; Heb. 13:4).

Toussaint, S. D. (1985). Acts. (J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck, Eds.) *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*. (Vol. 2, pp. 115–124). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

h. The seventh commandment (20:14)

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Cabal, T., Brand, C. O., Clendenen, E. R., Copan, P., Moreland, J. P., & Powell, D. (2007). *The Apologetics Study Bible: Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith* (pp. 92 – 94). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

20:14 If adultery is always wrong, why did God command a prophet to marry a promiscuous wife (Hs 1:2)? The prophet Hosea was not given permission to commit adultery, he was told to marry a woman who would be unfaithful after their marriage. The prophet's experience with his unfaithful wife became an object lesson in Israel's spiritual unfaithfulness toward God. Adultery, or sexual intercourse with another person's spouse, is always condemned in the Bible (Gn 20:3; Lv 18:20; Dt 5:18; Pr 6:32; Mt 5:27–32; 19:18; Jn 8:3–11; Gl 5:19; 2 Pt 2:14). It was considered a crime so serious that it warranted the death penalty (Lv 20:10; Dt 22:22).

Dr. Dave Haney – Sermons on the Ten Commandments:

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(Sermon on “Do Not Commit Adultery” by Dr. Haney)