

ADULTERY

DEFINED:

Exodus 20:14

One of the 10 Commandments

Matthew 5:28, 32

Jesus defines it further. His definition goes beyond just the act but rather to look at a woman with lust is adultery. This would apply a woman to a man as well. The principle of His definition (one's thoughts commit the act). Jesus includes our mental attitude to this area knowing if we dwell in thoughts that thoughts can and have led to carrying it out (action).

Romans 7:3

Paul addresses this topic. A woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive. If she marries a man while he is still living, she commits adultery. This would apply to a man as well. He would not be exempt just because it mentions a woman. It is the same principle.

Galatians 5:19

Adultery is sexual immorality and that is a work of the flesh (sinful nature).

WHAT THE SIN OF ADULTERY DOES:

1. Breaks God's law: Deuteronomy 5:18

2. Punishable by death: Leviticus 20:10-12

God has no tolerance for such acts.

Our repentance and God's forgiveness is the only thing which will free us from everlasting/eternal death.

3. Brings death: Proverbs 2:18, 19

The path of sin leads to death and ruin.

4. Makes one poor: Proverbs 29:3

The wealth we have in Christ is destroyed. It makes us poor in spirit.

This reference speaks of sex with a prostitute. Those who resolve to this means are spending money for these services and will make one poor.

5. Produces moral insensibility: Proverbs 30:20

She (if a woman- could be a man as well) hides the evidences of what they have done and then professes innocence.

2 Corinthians 12:21: Paul's concern in this reference was for the believers in Corinth.

The wickedness of Corinth was a concern that this would enter into the believer's lives and the acceptance of such practices (not dealing with it). His admonishment was not to allow secular society dictate their conduct.

6. Corrupts a land: Hosea 4:1, 2; 11

Will bring not only God's great displeasure but His judgment.

7. Brings God's judgment if there is no repentance: Hebrews 13:4
Marriage is to be treated as honorable.
Proverbs 7:27: Leads to hell (if there is no repentance and turning from it)
Revelation 21:8

FORGIVENESS OF:

1. By Christ: John 8:10, 11
The woman accused of adultery. Jesus did not condone her sin, but forgave her and told her to go and sin no more.
2. David's repentance: 2 Samuel 12:7-14
3. Through regeneration: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Our lives can be changed by Christ so that we can inherit the kingdom of God.

EXAMPLES OF ADULTERY FOR FURTHER STUDY OF THIS TOPIC:

1. Lot: Genesis 19:31-38
2. Shechem: Genesis 34:2
3. Judah: Genesis 38:1-24
4. Eli's sons: 1 Samuel 2:22
5. David: 2 Samuel 11:1-5
6. Amnon: 2 Samuel 13:1-20
7. The Samaritan Woman: John 4:17, 18