

The Commandments Of Our Creator God

[Part 6]

The Creator God devoted two of His Ten Commandments to protecting the relationships in the home and family.

We have already discussed the first of these “*honour your father and mother,*” we will now examine the second of these commandments.

The Seventh Commandment stated –

“You shall not commit adultery.”

The Creator God gave this commandment to protect and honour the sanctity of marriage.

Directly after the commandment that declared the sacredness of human life, the Creator God gives a law to safeguard the highest earthly relationship, marriage.

Marriage and the family is the basis of all decent society.

The words of this seventh command directly forbid adultery as the violation of the sacred rights of the marriage relationship.

The spirit of this command makes clear that all unchaste conduct before marriage is a wrong done to the future marriage and such unfaithfulness before marriage is violating the commandment as much as adultery committed after marriage.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 [NIV] *“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh.’ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.”*

In this “*permissive*” modern society, it is important to remind ourselves that the Creator God has promised to reward those who break this commandment with the penalty of death. [**Leviticus 20:10**]

Why is the sin of adultery so great as to merit eternal death? [**Revelation 21:8**]

The reason adultery is such a terrible sin in the Creator God’s sight is that marriage is such a precious, righteous and holy thing that must **not** be defiled.

What is the purpose of marriage? –

It is impossible to understand the true meaning and purpose of marriage without first understanding that sex and marriage are God-given and God-ordained.

To leave God out of the picture, as this modern age is doing, is to degrade the marriage union to mere animalism.

Genesis 2:18 [King James] *“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”*

The Creator God, Jesus Christ, told the first man, Adam, that he was incomplete by himself, so He was going to create a help “*meet*” or suitable for the man, one with whom man could really share his life.

Then God brought all the other living creatures to Adam, and Adam gave names to them all, but there was no other creature really like Adam, one who could share his sorrows, joys, hopes and dreams.

So the Creator God made woman out of Adam’s very own flesh and bone. [**Genesis 2:21-23**]

Here now was a creature equal to Adam, another person with whom he could share everything.

This sharing would be within a special covenant relationship.

Genesis 2:24-25 [King James] *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”*

A very intimate relationship of sexual compatibility. [**1 Corinthians 7:2-5**]

The first and primary purpose of marriage is to make the man and the woman “*complete*.”

Man alone was **not** able to fulfil the purpose for which the Creator God had created him.

Man was **not** able to learn the lessons of character forming which God intended, without this intimate relationship in which the husband and wife share everything in this life and so make their lives meaningful and complete in a physical sense at least.

The second purpose of sex and marriage is the begetting and training of children.

For the Creator God told Adam and Eve to create new human beings. [**Genesis 1:28**]

The begetting of children comes with the responsibility of providing, protecting and training them.

A stable, happy family unit and marriage are indispensable to correct nurture and training of a child. [**Proverbs 22:6**]

Both parents are responsible for the supervision and training of the children, although the major minute-by-minute responsibility fall the lot of the wife, the God-given “*helper*” of her husband.

Titus 2:4-5 [King James] *“That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”*

This is how serious the Creator God looks on the child care in the home.

The home and stable marriage union is the “*school*” for character development for both children and parents.

It is in the family unit that patience, understanding, kindness, selfless love are learnt, all qualities the Creator God desires in His eternal created family, the Kingdom of God.

Also in the family unit we have the ideal environment in which to learn decency, loyalty and responsibility.

The physical marriage relationship pictures the eternal spiritual relationship of Jesus Christ and the Christian Church.

Ephesians 5:22-23 [King James] *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”*

In the physical relationship of human marriage the wife can learn a lesson of the lasting faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:25-33 [King James] *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”*

Jesus Christ served, helped, trained, protected and eventually gave His life for the Church. So husbands are to protect, provide for, guide according to God’s Word, the Christian Bible, to encourage, love and give their lives to their wives.

The Creator God holds the husband responsible for being the right kind of head to his wife and family.

To separate from our God-given mate is to fail to learn the lesson which the Creator God intends us to learn in the marriage union of a man and woman.

God the Father will judge how faithful we will be to His Son Jesus Christ throughout all eternity on how faithful we are to our partner in our physical marriage in this life.

Mark 10:5-9 [King James] *“And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*

When Jesus was asked by the hypocritical Pharisees why Moses allowed divorce in the Old Testament times, this is how he replied.

Divorce generates divorce! It is a matter of record that most divorced people seek another mate and many find a second or even third, seeking to satisfy a desire which God intended in the sacred marriage of their first mate who in most cases is still living.

Mark 10:11-12 [NIV] *“He answered, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.’”*

God allowed unconverted Israelites to divorce, God allows this present evil world to go its own way, cut off from the knowledge of the true Creator God, including the true meaning of marriage.

But once a person understands the true meaning of marriage and God’s teaching regarding it, they are held accountable.

Adultery is **not** only an offence to the aggrieved wife or husband, it is an offence to their home and children.

It is also an offence against society for it strikes at the very basis of all decent society.

But most of all it is an offence against the Creator God Himself and the institution which He has ordained.

The sin of lust is more fully understood when we realise how righteous and holy is the proper use of sex in a marriage between a man and a woman in the Creator God's eyes.

Matthew 5:27-28 [King James] *“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”*

Jesus Christ taught that we break the Seventh Commandment even when we so much as entertain thoughts of lust towards another person, for action always follows thoughts.

More and more people are beginning to realise the sordid emphasis on sex in modern society is terribly wrong.

Yet sex seems to have so permeated every facet of modern society that most people have become accustomed to it and do **not** fully realise what is happening.

The dress and clothing styles of modern women emphasise one thing, sex.

Our newspapers and modern magazines exploit things having to do with sex to boost their circulation.

TV adverts use sex to sell products, more modern books and novels are using just plain “raw” sex as a theme.

But modern society is paying a terrible penalty for these widespread sins and abominations.

More and more homes are made miserable and wretched because of lustful, adulterous relationships.

More children are left without the love and support of both parents.

God's Laws are always for our own good and the good of those around us.

Revelation 21:8 [NIV] *“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practise magic arts, the idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death.”*

We should fear to being counted with this group of people who will never be given the gift of eternal life unless they repent.

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