

Ten Commandments

You must not commit adultery



READ: Exodus 20:14

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IN:

- What are the various covenant agreements that you are in? How binding are they and what are the terms?

UP:

- What are the terms of reference for Marriage as defined by the state, the bible and in the minds of people.
- The Bible defines marriage as a covenant – which is mutually agreed and held to by both parties. This is why adultery is a breaking of the covenant and for most is a deal breaker – even in today's world!
- We live in a world where sex is viewed very differently and much more a commodity than a covenant and seems much more freely available. How can we affirm our marriages in the light of this?
- What should we be saying as Christians to each other, to our children, to our peers and to the world about a better view of sex?

OUT:

- Pray for our young people who face a minefield in this area and particularly for Christians at schools

BIBLE READING:

Exodus 20:1-17 Living Bible

20 Then God issued this edict:

2 "I am Jehovah your God who liberated you from your slavery in Egypt.

3 "You may worship no other god than me.

4 "You shall not make yourselves any idols: no images of animals, birds, or fish. 5 You must never bow or worship it in any way; for I, the Lord your God, am very possessive. I will not share your affection with any other god!

"And when I punish people for their sins, the punishment continues upon the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of those who hate me; 6 but I lavish my love upon thousands of those who love me and obey my commandments.

7 "You shall not use the name of Jehovah your God irreverently,[a] nor use it to swear to a falsehood. You will not escape punishment if you do.

8 "Remember to observe the Sabbath as a holy day. 9 Six days a week are for your daily duties and your regular work, 10 but the seventh day is a day of Sabbath rest before the Lord your God. On that day you are to do no work of any kind, nor shall your son, daughter, or slaves—whether men or women—or your cattle or your house guests. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heaven, earth, and sea, and everything in them, and rested the seventh day; so he blessed the Sabbath day and set it aside for rest.[b]

12 "Honour your father and mother, that you may have a long, good life in the land the Lord your God will give you.

13 "You must not murder.

14 "You must not commit adultery.

15 "You must not steal.

16 "You must not lie.[c]

17 "You must not be envious of your neighbour's house, or want to sleep with his wife, or want to own his slaves, oxen, donkeys, or anything else he has."