

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

How to Love God and Neighbor

Wednesdays | 7:15 pm
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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... You shall love your neighbor as yourself
Matthew 22:37-39



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What is the Greatest Commandment?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.



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What commandments has God given to teach us how to Love God and Neighbor?

1. You shall have no other gods
2. You shall not make a carved image
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day
5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness
10. You shall not covet



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Housekeeping...



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Last Time...



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The 7th Commandment:

You Shall Not Commit Adultery

Adultery | Covenant Faithfulness



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The 7th Commandment

Adultery



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Genesis 1:27-28 | So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female** he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply** and fill the earth..."

Genesis 2:24-25 | Therefore a man shall **leave his father and his mother** and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**. And the man and his wife were both **naked and were not ashamed**.



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1 Corinthians 7:2 | But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.



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- 1. Sex is for marriage and procreation**
- 2. Marriage is for one man and one woman**
- 3. Anything besides that is sin**



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Exodus 20:14 | You shall not commit adultery.

Leviticus 20:10 | If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.



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Matthew 19:3-7 | And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "**Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?**" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. **What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.**" They said to him, "**Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?**"



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Deuteronomy 24:1 | When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house...



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Matthew 19:8-9 | He said to them, "Because of your **hardness of heart** Moses **allowed** you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, **except for sexual immorality**, and marries another, commits adultery."



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1 Corinthians 7:12-16 | To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, **he should not divorce her**. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, **she should not divorce him**. For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. But **if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace**. For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?



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Jeremiah 3:8 | She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with **a decree of divorce.**



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Leviticus 18:22 | You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

Leviticus 20:13 | If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.



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Romans 1:24-27 | Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For **their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another,** men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.



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1 Corinthians 6:9 | Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **men who practice homosexuality...**

1 Timothy 1:8-10 | Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, **men who practice homosexuality...**



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Polygamy: Multiple Spouses



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1 Timothy 3:2 | Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, **the husband of one wife...**



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Fornication: Unmarried Sex



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1 Corinthians 7:8-9 | To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. But **if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry.** For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Hebrews 13:4 | Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let **the marriage bed** be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.



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Matthew 5:27-29 | You have heard that it was said,
'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that
everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For **it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.**



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NIH Study from 2020 | 91.5% of men and 60.2% of women herein reported having consumed pornography in the past month. The three primary modalities of pornography consumed were written pornography, pictures, and videos. Videos were consumed most often, but women were much more likely to consume written pornography than men. The primary function of viewing pornography was to enhance masturbation



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Top 5 Sports Leagues

NFL - \$20 billion

NBA - \$13 billion

MLB - \$11 billion

PL - \$7 billion

NHL - \$6 billion

Total: \$57 billion

Global Pornography Industry

Lowest Estimate: **\$58 Billion**

Highest Estimate: \$287 Billion



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Discussion

1. Is it sin to be tempted, but not commit the sinful act?
2. Are some sins worse than others?



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The 7th Commandment

Covenant Faithfulness



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Matthew 19:10-12 | The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves **eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven**. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."



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still time to care

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM
THE CHURCH'S FAILED ATTEMPT
TO CURE HOMOSEXUALITY

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2 Corinthians 6:14-16 | Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God.



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Ephesians 5:22-24 | Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.



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Ephesians 5:25-33 | Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." **This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



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Genesis 3:9 | But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"



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1 Corinthians 7:3-5 | The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.



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Song of Solomon 2:6 | His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!

Song of Solomon 7:6-9 | How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights! Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters. I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit. Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples, and your mouth like the best wine.



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Church



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Loving God through the 7th Commandment

Action

Negative: Do not commit adultery, do not break covenants

Positive: If married, have sex. If not, be celibate for the Kingdom

Allegiance:

- Marriage is a covenant between Husband and Wife
- Church is in a covenant relationship with Christ

Affection:

Story of Hosea



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Hosea 3:1 | And the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods."



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Assurance of Grace | Hebrews 12:2

Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Next Week:

The 8th Commandment: You Shall Not Steal



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