

A dramatic photograph of a stormy night sky. The sky is a deep, dark purple, with a bright, jagged lightning bolt striking down from the upper right towards the center. The foreground is mostly black, with the silhouettes of trees and bushes visible against the dark sky.

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The Sermon On The Mount
MATTHEW 5:27-32
THE VALUE

MATTHEW 22:36–40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “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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Matthew 5:27–32

“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.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

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VALUE OF HUMANITY

The Law Is For Protection

- Protection of marriage
Exodus 20:14
"You shall not commit adultery."
- Protection of self
Proverbs 6:32
He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.
- Protection of others



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VALUE OF HUMANITY

The Law Is For Protection

Israel's Purpose

- Live differently than the rest of the world
- Pagan world demonstrated no morals
- God designed marriage to matter



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The Law Is For Protection

Israel's Purpose

Jesus Demonstrates The Two Greatest Commands

- Loving God – Placing God at the front of your desires
- Loving others – Respecting others enough not to violate or wrongly pursue
- Adultery breaks marriage covenant and violates another person



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Jesus Demonstrates The Two Greatest Commands

Seriousness Of The Actions – John 8:1-11

- The accusations
- The accused – one present; one missing
- The accusers



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MISSED UP?
GOD FORGIVES.



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VALUE OF THE HEART

Thoughts Move To Actions

- The eyes see
- The mind plans
- The body reacts



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VALUE OF THE HEART

Thoughts Move To Actions

Wrong Heart Leads To Wrong Actions

- Not viewing another person with dignity as God's creation
- Desiring actions that are contrary to God
- Disregarding any warnings of consequences



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Wrong Heart Leads To Wrong Actions

Temptation Is Produced In Our Heart

James 1:12–15

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



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Temptation Is Produced In Our Heart - James 1:12–15

- Battle of selfish humanity
- Overcome temptation with loving God



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Seriousness Of The Sin

- Right side – known as the strong side
- The eye – the gateway to see and temptation take root
- The hand – the physical action of the mind



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Seriousness Of The Sin

Modesty

- Drawing unnecessary attention to yourself in order to attract someone's attention
- Do not fuel someone's else thoughts about you



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HOW DO YOU VIEW OTHERS?
OBJECTS FOR PLEASURE
OR
A PERSON THAT JESUS DIED FOR



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VALUE OF MARRIAGE

Context

- Marriage And Divorce Were Common In 1st Century
- Easy To Obtain A Divorce – different schools of Judaism gave various reasons for divorce
- Women Would Typically Remarry
- Certificate Of Divorce Was Viewed As Ending The Marriage



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VALUE OF MARRIAGE

Context

Biblical Defined Marriage

- One man and one woman for life
- Husband and wife in love and obedience to God – Ephesians 5:22-33



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Ephesians 5:22–33

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.

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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Context

Biblical Defined Marriage

Christ And His Bride

- The Church is the bride of Christ
- He sacrificed all for us
- Our marriages reflect our relationship with Christ (remember salt and light)



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VALUE OF MARRIAGE


Context

Biblical Defined Marriage

Christ And His Bride

And Divorce...

- Biblical reasons for divorce
 - Adultery – any sexual interaction outside the one man/ one woman relationship
 - When reconciliation is not possible
- Repentance needed
 - Divorce and remarriage is serious
 - Sin against God and each other
 - Divorce is forgivable; but just as with any sin, should not be taken lightly



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Repentance

- To God
- To the spouse
- To others involved
- God will forgive



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And Divorce...

Repentance

View Of God, Marriage, And Others – 1 Corinthians 6:17-20



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1 Corinthians 6:17–20

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.



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NEED FORGIVENESS?
NEED A FOUNDATION?



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