

## You shall not commit adultery

Exodus 20:14

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### I. The broken covenant

- A. Adultery: sex that violates the marriage covenant (Genesis 2:23-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22; Hosea 4:14)
- B. The teaching of Jesus Christ on adultery (Matthew 5:27-32; 15:19)
- C. The destruction of adultery
  - i. destroys marriages (even if they don't end, trust is broken)
  - ii. destroys other relationships
  - iii. destroys parental relationships

### II. God's people and adultery

- A. Adultery is a symptom of unfaithfulness to God
- B. Adultery is a picture of unfaithfulness to God
- C. The prophets (Jeremiah 3:8-9; 5:7; 7:9; 9:2; 23:10, 14; 29:23; Ezekiel 16, 23; Hosea)
- D. Jesus: "an evil and adulterous generation" (Matthew 12:39; Mark 8:38)
- E. Unfaithfulness to God is adultery, and we are all guilty of it

### III. Flee adultery!

- A. Like Joseph (Genesis 39:9; Proverbs 7:6-23; Job 24:15; Genesis 20:9)
- B. Be faithful to your spouse (1 Corinthians 7:5)
- C. Men: watch where you look
- D. Women: watch what you look like (Hosea 2:2)
- E. Be faithful to God above all

### IV. God is faithful (Hosea 1-2)

- A. The character of God is absolute faithfulness
- B. God sees our unfaithfulness
- C. God will remove his blessings until we see our unfaithfulness
- D. God will love us despite our unfaithfulness (Hosea 2:14-16)
- E. That is what Jesus came to do: love faithless people with perfect faithfulness (Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 21:2)
- F. May God grant these blessings to us:
  - i. a deep desire for him and nothing else ("My Husband")
  - ii. a real knowledge of his grace to us through Jesus Christ ("Mercy")
  - iii. an absolute security in his love for *us* ("You are My people")