

Ten Commandments (Part 49)
(The Seventh Commandment – Part 1)

Exodus 20:14: “*You shall not commit adultery.*”

I. The Definition of Adultery

-ἄνομος: sexual relations between a man and an engaged or married woman to whom he is not engaged or married

-marital infidelity

II. The Prohibition of Adultery

-Marital love is a wonderful gift from God for pleasure and joy as well as procreation (Prov. 5:18, 19; Song of Solomon).

-The primary purpose of the 7th Commandment is to protect this gift.

III. The Punishment of Adultery

-Adultery is punishable by death (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5).

IV. The Spiritual Significance of Adultery

-Adultery is the ultimate act of unfaithfulness, deception, betrayal.

-Marital union is a picture of the relationship between God and His people (Jer. 3:1-10; 5:7-11; Ezek. 23:37; Hos. 2, 3; Mal. 2:10-16).

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- Everyone recognizes the truth of the 7th Commandment (Rom. 2:14, 15).

Practical Lessons

1) Sexual sin is an area of great testing for the Christian.

2) Christians don't have to fall in the area of sexual sin.