



# “UNADULTERATED DEVOTION, RIGHTEOUS RESPONSIBILITY”

---

EXODUS 20:14 BIBLE STUDY

DANNY SCOTTON, JR.





# THE GREAT COMMISSION



- 19 Go, therefore, [and] make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 – **teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.** And, listen: I am with you always – until the consummation of the age. (Mt 28:19-20, AT)



## CONTEXT



- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (Ex 20:1-2, AT)



EXODUS 20:14  
OT ADULTERY



- You shall not [לֹא | *lō'*]  
commit adultery [אֶפְרָא |  
*nā'ap*]. (Ex 20:14, AT 1)



## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY



You shall not have sex with anyone else's wife.

(Ex 20:14 AT 2)





## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: THE “GREAT SIN”



- 3 But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, “You are as **good as dead** because of the woman you have taken; she is a **married woman.**”
- 4 Now Abimelek had not gone near her, so he said, “Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? 5 Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister,’ and didn’t she also say, ‘He is my brother’? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands.” (Gen 20:3-5, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: THE “GREAT SIN”



- 6 Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from **sinning against me**. That is why I did not let you touch her.  
7 Now return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you **will die.**” (Gen 20:6-7, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: THE “GREAT SIN”



- 8 Early the next morning Abimelek summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. 9 Then Abimelek called Abraham in and said, “What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such **great guilt upon me** and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done.” (Gen 20:8-9, NIV)



EXODUS 20:14  
OT ADULTERY:  
THE “GREAT SIN”



- No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except **you**, because **you are his wife**. How then could I do such a wicked thing and **sin against God?**” (Gen 39:9, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 EXTRAMARITAL/ PREMARITAL SEX



- 16 “If a man seduces a virgin who is **not pledged to be married** and sleeps with her, he must pay the bride-price, and she shall be his wife. 17 If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he must still pay the bride-price for virgins. (Ex 22:16-17, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- If a man is found **sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die.** You must purge the evil from Israel. (Dt 22:22, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- 23 If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin **pledged to be married** and he **sleeps with her**, 24 you shall take **both of them** to the gate of that town and **stone them to death**—the young woman because she was in a town and did not scream for help, and the man because he **violated another man's wife**. You must purge the evil from among you. (Dt 22:23-24, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- “ ‘If a man commits adultery with **another man’s wife**—with the **wife** of his neighbor—**both** the **adulterer** and the **adulteress** are to be put to death. (Lev 20:10, NIV)
- “ ‘If a man has sexual relations with **his father’s wife**, he has dishonored his father. **Both** the **man** and the **woman** are to be **put to death**; their blood will be on their own heads. (Lev 20:11, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 OT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- But if out in the country a man happens to meet a young woman **pledged to be married** and rapes her, **only the man** who has done this **shall die.** (Dt 22:25, NIV)





EXODUS 20:14  
ONE WOMAN, ONE MAN  
ONE FLESH, ONE LIFE



- That is why a **man** leaves his father and mother and is united to his **wife**, and they become one flesh. (Gen 2:24, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES



- 21 You have heard that it was said to the people of old, "**Do not murder. For whoever murders will be liable to judgment.**"
- 22 But I say to you that **everyone who is angry** with their brother [or sister] will be **liable to judgment**. And whoever says to their brother [or sister], "**Raca!**" ["empty-headed"] will be liable to the Sanhedrin. And whoever says, "**Fool!**" will be **liable to the fiery Hell.** (Mt 5:21-22, AT)



## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: LUST



- 27 You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery" [Ex 20:14, Dt 5:18]. 28 But I say to you that everyone who **looks** at a woman **with lust** towards her has **already committed adultery** with her **in his heart**. (Mt 5:27-28, AT)





## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: DIVORCE



- 3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it **lawful** for a **man to divorce his wife** for **any** and **every** reason?”
- 4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that **at the beginning the Creator** ‘made them **male** and **female**,’ [Gen 1:27] 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’ [Gen 2:24]? 6 So they are **no longer two**, but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” (Mt 19:3-6, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: DIVORCE



- 7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a **certificate of divorce** and send her away?” [Dt 24:1]
- 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because **your hearts were hard**. But it was not this way **from the beginning**. 9 I tell you that **anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality**, and marries another woman **commits adultery.**” (Mt 19:7-9, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: DIVORCE



- 11 He answered, “Anyone who **divorces his wife and marries another woman** commits adultery against her. 12 And if **she divorces her husband and marries another man**, she commits adultery.”  
(Mk 10:11-12, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: DIVORCE



- 29 If your **right eye** causes you to stumble, **gouge it out** and **throw it away**. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your **right hand** causes you to stumble, **cut it off** and **throw it away**. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. (Mt 5:29-30, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 JESUS ON ADULTERY: DIVORCE



- 31 It has been said, "Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." [Dt 24:1] But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife – **except in a case of sexual immorality** – makes her to be guilty [or a victim] of **adultery**. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits **adultery**. (Mt 5:31-32, AT)





## EXODUS 20:14 NT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- 9 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who **kill their fathers or mothers** [Fifth Commandment], for murderers [Sixth Commandment], 10 for the **sexually immoral**, for those practicing homosexuality [Seventh Commandment], for slave traders [kidnapping: see Ex 21:16; Dt 24:7; Eighth Commandment] and liars and perjurers [Ninth Commandment]—and for whatever else is **contrary to the sound doctrine** (1 Tim 1:9-10, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 NT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (Heb 13:4, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 NT ADULTERY: A CAPITAL CRIME



- 9 Or do you not know that **wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters **nor adulterers** nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God**. 11 And that is what some of you **were**. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor 6:9-11, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- You shall not have any other gods before Me! (Ex 20:3, AT 1)
- There shall not **be to you** any other gods before My Face. (Ex 20:3, AT 2)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



For your **Maker** is your **husband**—  
the **LORD [YHWH]** Almighty is his name—  
the **Holy One of Israel** is your **Redeemer**;  
he is called the **God of all the earth**.  
(Is 54:5, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:  
“This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: “ ‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how **as a bride you loved me and followed me** through the wilderness, through a land not sown. (Jer 2:2, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 6 During the reign of King Josiah, the LORD [YHWH] said to me, “Have you seen what **faithless** Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every spreading tree and has **committed adultery** there. 7 I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me but she did not, and her **unfaithful** sister Judah saw it. 8 I gave **faithless** Israel her **certificate of divorce** and sent her away because of all her **adulteries**. Yet I saw that her **unfaithful** sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and **committed adultery**. (Jer 3:6-8, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



This is what the LORD [YHWH] says:

“Where is your mother’s **certificate of divorce**  
with which **I sent her away?**

Or to which of my creditors  
did I sell you?

Because of **your sins** you were sold;

because of **your transgressions your mother was sent away.**

(Is 50:1, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 6 “ “Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, “Live!” 7 I made you grow like a plant of the field. You grew and developed and entered puberty. Your breasts had formed and your hair had grown, yet you were stark naked. 8 “ ‘Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your naked body. **I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you,** declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH], and **you became mine.** (Eze 16:6-8, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 9 “ ‘I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. 10 I clothed you with an **embroidered dress** and put sandals of fine leather on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. 11 I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, 12 and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. (Eze 16:9-12, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 13 So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was honey, olive oil and the finest flour. You became very beautiful and rose to be a **queen**. 14 And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, **because the splendor I had given you** made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH]. (Eze 16:13-14, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 15 “ ‘But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a **prostitute**. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty **became his**. 16 You took some of your garments to make gaudy high places, where you carried on your **prostitution**. You went to him, and he **possessed your beauty**. 17 You also took the fine jewelry I gave you, the jewelry made of my gold and silver, and you made for yourself male idols and engaged in **prostitution** with them. 18 And you took your embroidered clothes to put on **them**, and you offered my oil and incense before **them**. 19 Also the food I provided for **you**—the flour, olive oil and honey I gave you to eat—you offered as fragrant incense before **them**. That is what happened, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH]. (Eze 16:15-19, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 20 “ ‘And you took your **sons** and **daughters** whom you **bore to me** and **sacrificed** them as food to the **idols**. Was your **prostitution** not enough? 21 You **slaughtered my children** and **sacrificed** them to the **idols**. 22 In all your detestable practices and your **prostitution** you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, kicking about in your blood. (Eze 16:20-22, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- At every street corner you built your lofty shrines and degraded your beauty, **spreading your legs** with increasing **promiscuity** to anyone who passed by. (Eze 16:25, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 14 “Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. 15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There **she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.** (Hos 2:14-15, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 16 “In that day,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “you will call me ‘**my husband**’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’ 17 I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked. 18 In that day I will make a **covenant** for them with the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety. **I will betroth you to me forever;** (Hos 2:16-18, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 19 I will **betroth** you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. 20 I will **betroth** you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD. (Hos 2:19-20, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



- 6 The LORD [YHWH] will call you back  
as if you were a **wife** deserted and distressed in spirit—  
a **wife** who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.
- 7 “For a brief moment I abandoned you,  
but with deep compassion **I will bring you back.**
- 8 In a surge of anger  
I hid my face from you for a moment,  
but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,”  
says the LORD [YHWH] your Redeemer. (Is 54:6-8, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 SPIRITUAL ADULTERY



As a **young man** marries a **young woman**,  
so will your **Builder** marry you;  
as a **bridegroom** rejoices over his **bride**,  
so will your **God** rejoice over **you**.  
(Is 62:5, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- 18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people come saying to Him, "Why do the disciples of John as well as the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "The wedding party cannot fast while the **bridegroom** is [still] with them now can they? As long as they have time [where] the **bridegroom** is with them, they cannot fast." 20 But the days will come when the **bridegroom** shall be taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. (Mk 2:18-20, AT)



## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- 31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will **not** be like the **covenant** I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they broke my covenant**, though I was a **husband** to them,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. (Jer 31:31-32, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- 33 “This is the **covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD [YHWH],’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “For I will **forgive** their wickedness and will **remember their sins no more.**” (Jer 31:33-34, NIV)



EXODUS 20:14  
NEW COVENANT,  
NEW MARRIAGE



- In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant in my blood**; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor 11:25, NIV; cf. Ex 24:8)





EXODUS 20:14  
NEW COVENANT,  
NEW MARRIAGE



- 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the **Lord**. 23 For the **husband** is the head of the **wife** as **Christ** is the **head** of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now **as the church submits to Christ**, so also wives should submit to their **husbands** in everything. (Eph 5:22-24, NIV)





EXODUS 20:14  
NEW COVENANT,  
NEW MARRIAGE



- 25 Husbands, **love your wives**, just as **Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present **her to himself as a radiant church**, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Eph 5:25-27, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, **just as Christ does the church**—30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason a **man** will leave his father and mother and be united to his **wife**, and the two will become one flesh.” [Gen 2:24] 32 This is a profound mystery—**but I am talking about Christ and the church.** (Eph 5:28-32, NIV)



EXODUS 20:14  
NEW COVENANT,  
NEW MARRIAGE



- I am **jealous** for you with a **godly jealousy**. I promised you to **one husband, to Christ**, so that I might present you as a **pure virgin to him**. (2 Cor 11:2, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, “I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.” 29 The **bride** belongs to the **bridegroom**. The friend who **attends** the **bridegroom** waits and listens for him, and is **full of joy** when he **hears the bridegroom’s** voice. **That joy is mine**, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less.” (Jn 3:28-30, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:14 NEW COVENANT, NEW MARRIAGE



- Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For **the wedding of the Lamb** has come, and **his bride** has made herself ready. (Rev 19:7, NIV; cf. Rev 19:9)
- I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride** beautifully dressed for her **husband**. (Rev 21:2, NIV)
- One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the **bride, the wife of the Lamb**. (Rev 21:9, NIV)
- The Spirit and the **bride** say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. (Rev 22:17, NIV)