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*Commandment #7:*  
**HONOR MARRIAGE**

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Exodus 20:14

# REVIEW OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1) No other gods
- 2) No idols
- 3) Do not take God's name in vain
- 4) Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy
- 5) Honor your parents
- 6) Do not murder
- 7) Do not commit adultery
- 8) Do not steal
- 9) Do not lie
- 10) Do not covet

## **#7: HONOR MARRIAGE**

### **I. THE COMMANDMENT EXPLAINED**

#### **A. The command – Do not commit adultery**

**Jer 3:9 - Because she [Judah] took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.**

**Heb 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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### I. THE COMMANDMENT EXPLAINED

*A. The command – Do not commit adultery*

**B. The significance**

- **Marriage is the foundation for the family (Gen 2:24)**
- **Marriage is a picture of Christ and the church (Eph 5:22-33)**

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*I. THE COMMANDMENT EXPLAINED*

## II. THE COMMANDMENT ILLUSTRATED

- A. Joseph refuses Potiphar's wife (Gen 37)
- B. David's great sin with Bathsheba (2 Sam 11-12)

## Genesis 37:7-10

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" 10 And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

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A. Joseph refuses Potiphar's wife (Gen 37)

Joseph recognized that adultery  
is sin **AGAINST GOD**

## **David's sin with Bathsheba 2 Sam 11:1-2**

**In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.**

**2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.**

## **David's sin with Bathsheba 2 Sam 11:3-5**

**3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."**

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- Deception (stumbling Uriah by making him drunk)
- Conspiracy to murder Uriah
- Deaths of soldiers fighting with Uriah
- Death of the illegitimate child
- Absalom's rebellion (civil war)

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**Ahithophel (2 Sam 23:34)**

→ **Eliab (2 Sam 11:3)**

→ **Bathsheba + Uriah**

## **EXCURSUS: GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**

**Gen 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."**

**19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.**

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**Gen 2:21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,**

**“This at last is bone of my bones**

**and flesh of my flesh;**

**she shall be called Woman,**

**because she was taken out of Man.”**

## **EXCURSUS: GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**

**24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

- Jesus quotes Gen 2:24 in Matt19:5; Mark 10:7 when talking about divorce and adultery
- Paul quotes Gen 2:24 in Eph 5:31 when talking about the marriage relationship

## **EXCURSUS: GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**

- 1) Marriage is between one man and one woman (Gen 2:18)**
- 2) Marriage provides permanent companionship (Gen 2:24)**
- 3) Marriage is the basis for the family unit (Gen 2:24)**

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## **III. THE COMMANDMENT APPLIED**

**Honor God's design for marriage (Heb 13:4)**

- Keep sex within the marriage relationship**
- Support marriages around you**
- Protect and strengthen your marriage**
  - Cultivate a strong relationship**
  - Reconcile quickly and forgive freely**
  - Watch over your lustful desires (Matt 5:28)**