

**Seventh Word: Sex is honorable when sex is sacred; adultery is sin
(Exodus 20.14; 08-23-20am)**

Central Thought: Adultery is sin because God designed sex for marriages only.

Adultery (defined): Having sexual relations with anyone who is not your spouse

I. Adultery defames the character of God

1. God is a God of unity, not brokenness (Gen 2.22-24)

2. God is a God of purity, not defilement (Lev 18.20; Heb 13.4)

3. God is a God of purpose; adultery ignores God's purpose for marriage (cf. Gen 1 & 2)

4. God is a God of good gifts; adultery does not reflect His goodness (Gen 1 & 2)

II. Adultery begins in the heart (Matt 5.27-30)

- A. Adultery does not begin with physical activity

- B. Adultery takes root in lust and bears fruit in relationships

III. Resisting the sin of adultery; guarding against lust in your heart (Prov 5.15-21)

Guard your mind

Guard interactions with members of opposite sex (who are not your spouse)

Guard the ultimate purpose for sex (cf. Mal 2.15)

Guard your soul (cf. Matt 5)