

# Commandment VII

**Scripture: Exod. 20:14; Deut. 5:18**

**Intro:** The seventh command will bring upon a society who violates it a punishment of its own by disease, desertion, divorce, and damnation.

1. What God says about looseness in O.T. (Ex. 20:14)
2. What God says about lust in N.T. (Mt. 5:27-29; 15:18-19) Two commandments that are inseparably linked. (James 2:10-11)

## **I. Commandment Explained. (Prov. 6:32; I Cor. 6:18)**

- A. Condemns immoral conduct. (Lev. 18:28; Rom. 1:18-32)
  1. Bestiality: Immoral perversion. (Lev. 20:15-16; 18:23; Ez. 16:49-50)
  2. Homosexuality: immoral deviation. (Lev. 18:22; 20:13)
  3. Sexuality: immoral distortion. (Deut. 5:18)
    - a. Violates sacredness of the body. (Prov. 6:32; I Cor. 6:18)
    - b. Violates scriptures of the Lord. (Ex. 20:14)
- B. Contrast immoral conduct. (Mt. 5:32; 19:9; Heb. 13:4)
  1. Act of adultery: Specific act of infidelity.
  2. Act of fornication: Repeated acts of infidelity.
    - a. Premarital. (James 4:4)
    - b. Extra-marital. (Heb. 13:4)
    - c. Prostitution. (Jn. 8:1-11)

## **II. Commandment Expanded. (Acts 15:20)**

- A. The marital relation. (Gen. 1:27; 5:2; 2:18-25)
  1. The divine injunction. (I Cor. 7:1-5)
    - a. Moral behavior advised. (I Cor. 7:1)
    - b. Marital bliss admonished. (I Cor. 7:2)
  2. The divine institution. (I Cor. 7:3-5)
- B. The moral reliability. (I Cor. 7:8)
  1. Strong reason for chastity. (I Cor. 5:19-20)
  2. Strong reasons for cleanliness. (I Thes. 4:3-4)
    - a. Activities of the wicked. (Gal. 5:19-21)
    - b. Apostacies from the word. (II Pet. 2:12-14; 3:3-4; 2:18)

### **III. Commandment Exemplified. (Ex. 20:14)**

- A. By actions: Live clean. (Deut. 5:18)
  - 1. Truth in the heart: conviction. (Ex. 20:14)
  - 2. Treat other holily: conduct.
    - a. Thou: Personally
    - b. Shalt not: Prevention
    - c. Commit: Practice
    - d. Adultery: Perversion
- B. By attitudes: Lust clear. (II Tim. 2:22; I Pet. 2:11)
  - 1. 1. Mental: Unseen. (Lust)
  - 2. 2. Moral: Unsound. (Loose)