

Adultery

Adultery -- Sexual relations involving unfaithfulness in a marriage relationship. The word “adultery” is used specifically 69 times in its various forms in the Bible. Adultery is a grievous sin listed with sins such as murder and idolatry. It can be committed while one is married or after a divorce that had no biblical grounds. A person who marries a divorcee who had no biblical grounds for divorce can also commit it. It can also be committed in one’s heart by lusting for another person. In either case, adultery is a sin that can be forgiven through Jesus Christ. However, the consequences of adultery are devastating and the reproach of this sin will not be wiped away.

Adultery was forbidden under the Law of Moses and was Punished by Death

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

Leviticus 20:10 And the man that commits **adultery** with another man’s wife, even he that commits **adultery** with his neighbor's wife, the **adulterer** and the **adulteress** shall surely be put to death.

Adultery is Warned Against in the Wisdom Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

Proverbs 5:4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

Proverbs 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Proverbs 5:15 Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

Proverbs 5:16 Let your fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

Proverbs 5:17 Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with thee.

Proverbs 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Proverbs 5:19 Let her be as the loving deer and pleasant doe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be ravished always with her love.

Proverbs 5:20 And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his goings.

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cords of his sins.

Proverbs 5:23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Proverbs 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in your heart; neither let her take you with her eyelids.

Proverbs 6:26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the **adulteress** will hunt for the precious life.

Proverbs 6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Proverbs 6:28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

Proverbs 6:29 So he that goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 6:30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

Proverbs 6:31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:32 But whoever commits **adultery** with a woman lacks understanding: he that does it destroys his own soul.

Proverbs 6:33 A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Proverbs 9:17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

Proverbs 9:18 But he knows not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

Proverbs 22:14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

Proverbs 30:19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

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Proverbs 30:20 Such is the way of an **adulterous** woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no wickedness.

The Old Testament Prophets Condemned Adultery

Jeremiah 7:9 Will you steal, murder, and commit **adultery**, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know;

Jeremiah 23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit **adultery**, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none does return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Ezekiel 16:32 But as a wife that commits **adultery**, which takes strangers instead of her husband!

Ezekiel 22:11 And one has committed **abomination** with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

Job 24:13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they do not know its ways, nor abide in its paths.

Job 24:14 The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

Job 24:15 The eye also of the **adulterer** waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguises his face.

Jeremiah 23:10 For the land is full of **adulterers**; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

Hosea 4:2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing **adultery**, they break out, and blood touches blood.

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the **adulterers**, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, says the LORD of hosts.

Jesus Defined and Condemned Adultery

Matthew 5:27 You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit **adultery**:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whoever looks on a woman to lust after her hath committed **adultery** with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you, That whoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit **adultery**: and whoever shall marry her that is divorced commits **adultery**.

Matthew 19:9 And I say unto you, Whoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, commits **adultery**: and whoever marries her which is put away commits **adultery**.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, **adulteries**, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Matthew 15:20 These are the things that defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defiles not a man.

Mark 10:11 And he said unto them, Whoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits **adultery** against her.

Mark 10:12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits **adultery**.

Luke 16:18 Whoever puts away his wife, and marries another, commits **adultery**: and whoever marries her that is put away from her husband commits **adultery**.

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Luke 18:20 You know the commandments, Do not commit **adultery**, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and your mother.

The New Testament Apostles of Christ Condemned Adultery

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she shall be called an **adulteress**: but if her husband dies, she is free from that law; so that she is no **adulteress**, though she has married another man.

Romans 13:9 For this, You shall not commit **adultery**, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; **Adultery**, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

I Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

I Thessalonians 4:5 Not in the **lust of concupiscence**, even as the Gentiles who do not know God:

II Peter 2:14 Having eyes full of **adultery**, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: a heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

I Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and **adulterers** God will judge.