

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#21] *Covenant Love* – Deuteronomy 5:18

Sermon Outline – December 24, 2017

Children's Sermon: Evil Feels Bad, Goodness Feels Good

- What do you feel about people who are mean to animals? How do you feel after you have done something bad?
- What do you feel about people being kind and tender to animals? How do you feel when you do something kind or tender-hearted to a sibling or friend?

Proverbs 11:22

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

1. Adultery for Christmas!?! (10 com.; Bible about Jesus...)
2. Created for something good & beautiful; Sin has twisted & destroyed: The wrongness of murder vs. The wrongness of faithlessness/perversion

My Prayer for You:

1. You would better understand that we are broken treasures (Gen. 1-3)
2. You will Turn & Trust Jesus Our Faithful Savior (1 Jn. 1:9)
3. You will see the beauty of God's pattern for relationships

#7 You shall not Commit Adultery

(5:18; Cf. 22:13–23:14)

Notes:

What was Israel to Understand about Sex/Marriage?

1. Sex belongs within a Marriage
2. Yahweh Cares Most about Honoring the Marriage Covenant (Personal & Legal)
3. Sexual Perversion is Abhorrent to God (Defying God's Good Order)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

We are saved from our adulterous hearts by **Jesus** who is perfect in his hessed love toward us!



Jesus' Hessed Love

The Beauty of Our Perfect Husband

Luke 1:67–75 (Cf. Ezek. 16; Hos. 1–3)

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to **remember his holy covenant**, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Ezekiel 16:8, 15 (Yahweh as Husband)

⁸ “When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and ***entered into a covenant with you***, declares the Lord God, and you became mine. ...

¹⁵ “**But you** trusted in your beauty and *played the whore* because of your renown and lavished *your whorings* on any passerby; your beauty became his.

Ephesians 5:25–27 (Cf. Ephesians 2:12–22)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church** and *gave himself up for her*, ²⁶ that he might *sanctify her*, having *cleansed her* by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, ***without spot or wrinkle*** or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Jesus is the Perfect Bride (for us/in us)

Ephesians 5:22–23

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, **his body**, and is himself its Savior.

Ephesians 1:22–23

²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to **the church**, ²³ *which is his body*, the fullness of *him* who fills all in all.

(Humble, submissive & obedient unto death!)

Turn & Trust Our Faithful Savior!

Jesus Provides the Power to Rescue Us from the Seduction of Lust to the Beauty of Submission

Matthew 5:27–28

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who *looks at a woman with lustful intent* has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

lustful intent “to strongly desire to have what belongs to someone else and/or to engage in an activity which is morally wrong—“to covet, to lust, evil desires, lust, desire.”¹

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ *And such were some of you.* 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.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

You have no power to change what you love most but Jesus does. Cry out to him for help!



With Jesus Contend for God’s Beautiful Way

Hebrews 13:4 (Cf. 1 Cor. 7:3–4)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the *sexually immoral* and *adulterous*.

1. Battle the Lust in Our Hearts

Matthew 5:29–30

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin...

¹ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 290). New York: United Bible Societies.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we *confess* our sins, **he is faithful** and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- a. Note the 'taking' pattern of perversion
 - b. Note the assault against God's order & authority (the enticement of rebellion)
2. Battle to Put on Covenant Keeping
- a. Note the 'giving' patter of the Faithful Spouse (Cf. 1 Corinthians 7:3-4)
 - b. Patience vs. immediate satisfaction/relief

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 41

Q & A 108

Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That God condemns all unchastity,¹ and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it² and live decent and chaste lives,³ within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

1 Lev. 18:30; Eph. 5:3-5

2 Jude 22-23

3 1 Cor. 7:1-9; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Heb. 13:4

Q & A 109

Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires,¹ and whatever may incite someone to them.²

1 Matt. 5:27-29; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Eph. 5:3-4

2 1 Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:18

Chaste: innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse