

## The Sins Of Fornication And Adultery

### Recent Sunday Sermons:

- Authority and Morality
- The Sanctity of Marriage
- Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

### A Connecting Link Between Those Sermons:

- Morality relates to **our conduct toward one another**; God's word is the Authority Which **regulates** Human Conduct.
- Marriage was **ordained of God**; People who refuse to submit to God's authority in moral issues tend to show but **little regard** for the sanctity of marriage.
- This affects the stability of marriage!

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- Galatians 5:19-21
- I Corinthians 6:9-10
- Ephesians 5:3
- Colossians 3:5-6
- I Thessalonians 4:3
- Hebrews 13:4
- Revelation 21:8
- Note: Each passage mentions sexual sin.

### Why Such Lessons are Needed:

- Sexual Sin a leading cause of divorce.
- 66% of American men and 50% of American women have been unfaithful.
- San Francisco Chronicle – one of six teens contact a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD).
- Sexual sin a leading cause of Abortion
- Hundreds of thousands of couples choose to live together without marriage!

### Sexual Sin Not of Recent Origin

- Judah with Tamar, Genesis 32:12-18.
- David with Bathsheba, 2 Samuel 11.
- Amnon, a son of David, with half-sister Tamar, 2 Samuel 13.
- Israelites committed "whoredom with the daughters of Moab," Numbers 25:9.
- Many heathen religions combined religion with fornication.

### Definitions:

- **Fornication:** from *pornea*, “generally denotes illicit sexual relations involving unmarried people.” “Fornication,” “whoredom,” and “whoring” from the same Hebrew word, *zanah*, and same Greek word, *pornea* in N.T.
- **Adultery:** from *moichos* in N.T., “denotes one who has unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another,” Luke 18:11; I Corinthians 6:9; Hebrews 13:4.
- Note: The ACT of each is the same!

### The Consequences of Fornication and Adultery:

- Both are sins against God! Genesis 39:9.
- Both are works of the flesh, Galatians 5:19-21
- Both are sins against the body, I Cor. 6:18.
- Both bring emotional consequences.
- Both are destructive to Marriage and the family.
- Indirectly, they contribute to false doctrine.
- Ultimate result: Eternity in hell!

### How to Avoid Fornication and Adultery:

- “Flee Fornication,” I Corinthians 6:18!
- Make a Covenant with your eyes, Job 31:1.
- Avoid Pornography like a plague!
- Skip the Petting! Galatians 5:19; Proverbs 6:27.
- Avoid lascivious actions, Galatians 5:19.
- Guard your heart, Proverbs 4:23.
- Become Rooted and Grounded in the Scriptures, Psalm 119:11; 2 Peter 3:18.

### Conclusion:

- Fornication and Adultery are grievous sins!
  - This is why repentance is needed, Acts 17:30
  - This is why John told Herod it was “not lawful” for him to have Herodias, Matthew 14:4
- But both can be forgiven! I Corinthians 6:11
- Regardless of the nature of the sin, “all have sinned,” Romans 3:23.
- This is why “the gospel is for all,” Mark 16:15.