

Matthew 5:27-30

- “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
- “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.
- “And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

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‘You shall not commit adultery.’**

- The Law said, “You shall not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14, NKJV. and in verse 17 he warns against coveting your neighbor’s wife.
- The penalty for adultery was death ‘The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. (Lev. 20:10).

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- Both Job and Solomon understood the connection

The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, ‘No eye will see me’; And he disguises his face. (Job 24:15).

“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman? (Job 31:1).

Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?.... (Prov. 6:25-29).

“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for *her has already committed adultery* with her in his heart.


- *His point is that the impure heart has already decided upon a course of action which the body will carry out upon the first opportunity.*



What can we do?

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Live in an Immoral World?

- ✔ **Come out from among it (2 Cor. 6:17)**
- ✔ **Reprove it (Eph. 5:11-12)**
- ✔ **Think upon the right things (Phil. 4:8)**
- ✔ **Develop a wholesome attitude toward these matters (Heb. 13:4)**
- ✔ **Don't lead others into sin (Rom. 14:13)**
- ✔ **Be "pure in heart" (Matt. 5:8)**