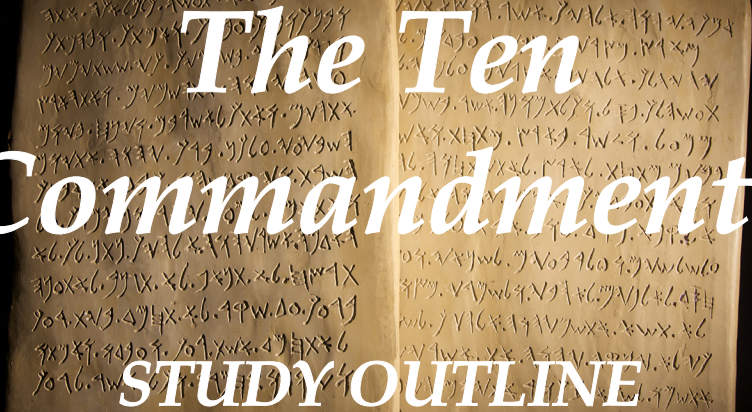


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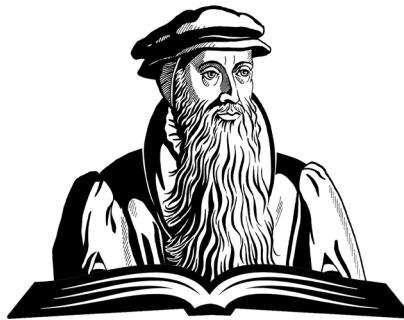
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### Lecture #14

## THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

### Lecture Title:

Purity in Sexual Passions

### Key Text:

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”—Exodus 20, verse 14

### Summary:

Like all the other commandments, the Seventh Commandment also includes positive and negative aspects. It deals with a beautiful and difficult issue: sex. Where does sexual passion come from? Is it always evil? What is God’s intention? What are the boundaries God has established for expressing our sexual passion? By answering these questions, we will appreciate the most beautiful relationship that God designed, between a married man and woman. To protect this from being harmed, God legislated the Seventh Commandment.

### Structure:

1. Introduction – the seventh general principle.
2. The function of sexual passion.
3. The boundaries God has established for expressing sexual passion:
  - a. God forbids any sexual activity between unmarried people.
  - b. God forbids any sexual activity of married people with others that are not married or are not your spouse.
  - c. God forbids any sexual activity between family members.
  - d. God forbids any sexual activity happens between adults and children/teens.
  - e. God forbids any unchaste actions, gestures, words, thoughts, desires, or whatever can entice men thereto.
  - f. God forbids sins of pornography in movies and pictures.
4. The intention of these boundaries.

**Review Questions:**

1. How do we see that the Seventh Commandment has a close relationship with the First Commandment? What is the similarity?

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2. What is the seventh general principle concerning the moral law of God? Explain by examples.

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3. Where does sexual passion come from? In which situations is there no sin with sexual passion or activity?

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4. Respond to the view that “the sexual passion between a husband and a wife is some excusable evil that needs to be tolerated for the multiplying of the human race.” Explain from the Scriptures.

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5. Where does God show us he not only designed sexual activity, but also commands sexual activity within a legal marriage? What is his intention? What is our primary goal and focus in sexual activities in marriage?

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6. How does the parable of fire given in the lecture explain the purpose of setting boundaries for sexual passion?

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7. What are the boundaries God has established for expressing our sexual passion? Explain.

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8. What does the statement, “whatever can entice men or women to any such act of sexual passion in a wrong context” teach men and women practically?

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9. What is the right view of the sin of pornography in movies and pictures? What are its destructive effects?

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10. What is God’s intention in placing such clear boundaries around sexual passions?

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**Further Application:**

1. Meditate on this commandment, and some other texts, such as, Proverbs 5, verses 15 through 21, and The Song of Solomon. Consider further, the theme, “God’s beautiful design.”

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2. What practical instructions have you learned from this lecture? Did you previously realize the good will of God to protect us by setting these boundaries?

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