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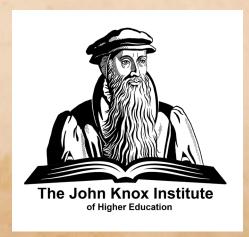
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Memorization

Question 70: Which is the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Question 71: *What is required in the seventh commandment?*

Answer: The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's

chastity, in heart, speech, and behaviour.

Question 72: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Lecture Structure

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. Purity in relationships.
- 3. Preserving purity.
- 4. Corrupting purity.
- 5. Applications.

Basic Questions for Question and Answers 70, 71, & 72

- 1. What does the word, "adultery" mean as used in this lecture?
- 2. What does the word "chastity" mean as it is used in this lecture?

2. We must guard and watch over our hearts.
Proverbs 4:23
Matthew 15:19
3. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions. Matthew 5:27–28
1 Corinthians 6:9
<u>Lecture Checkup</u>
1. What is God's intention for sexual relations between a husband and his wife? Is that its proper place? What damage does it cause if it is not in its proper place?
2. What are the two reasons Rev. Mattull gave us in the lecture as reasons why we need to consider this topic?
3. Does the seventh commandment forbid all sexual activity? What does the Bible tell us about this?
4. Why did God institute marriage as he did? What is a correct biblical marriage?

5. We know that marriage is good and lawful, but is marriage mandatory in order to be glorifying as a Christian? Are there believers in the Bible who were not married?
6. Why should we be concerned about purity in our lives and in our relationships?
7. Is purity only about actions? What about our thoughts?
8. What is purity, and how can we preserve it? What should we remember about what God sees?
9. What are some common ways that we see purity corrupted in the world today? What about the computer, smart phones, tablets, laptops music, and movies? Do these promote impurity?
10. What are some of the things we can do or not do to protect ourselves from the impurity in the world?

Practical Application

1. Since protecting and promoting purity is so important to our souls, think about some of the changes you might make in your life to keep yourself from falling into the sin of breaking this commandment. How can you guard your heart and your thoughts?
2. God sees everything, and he sees our hearts. Are there things in your life where you've been thinking that nobody sees? Remember that God is able and willing to forgive us, to sanctify us, and make us pure in the blood of Jesus. He can change us. Call upon Him, and see that He is good.