

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** PROVERBS 5:15-23; 6:20 – 7:27

**EXTRA READINGS:** APOSTLE CREED & CANONS II, 6 & REJ. 5 (PG. 105)

**SINGING:** 373:1-4, 8-9 – 337:1-4 – 271:1-3 – 317:1-4

Opening observations:

- Satan doesn't create anything, so he distorts everything
- No area where he has done this more than in *area of sexuality*
- God designed the positive effects of His commands to married to be experienced *only* in the setting of marriage (Prov. 5:19; Song 4:16)
- To prevent this Satan will do all to *upload negative baggage*
- God's redeeming and cleansing power of grace is real hope

### **LORD'S TEACHINGS ON SEXUAL SIN (2)**

I. Sexual sin is far more than the act of adultery II. Sexual sin isn't worth the price-tag III. Avoidance of sexual sin needs radical measures

#### **I. SEXUAL SIN IS FAR MORE THAN THE ACT OF ADULTERY**

A. God's Word extends this sin to *jokes – suggestive gestures – behavior*

1. Consider Col. 3:5 & Eph. 5:3-5
2. God's will is not only holy, honorable and just but also **good!**
  - a. obedience brings the greatest and sweetest rewards
  - b. disobedience is not only destroying the emotional well-being but also physically hazardous: Deut. 28:21, 27, 28
  - c. learn to view God's commandments as His expression of love

#### **II. SEXUAL SINS AREN'T WORTH THE PRICE**

A. Why does the Lord forbid these activities?

1. Because these sins dishonor God's beauty more than any other sins
2. Because the sinful pleasure *bring lifetime of consequences* (Prov 6:32-33)
3. Because these sins have such destructive results

B. Heed the most explicit warnings about these sins!

1. Sexual sin destroys the soul of life: Prov. 6:32-35

2. Sexual sin leads one downward: Prov. 7:22-23, 27

3. Sexual sin will experience 'temporal' avenging by the Lord: 1 Thess. 4:6

4. Sexual sins also destroy others involved: Prov. 6:32

### **III. AVOIDANCE OF SEXUAL SINS NEEDS RADICAL MEASURES**

A. The Lord's commands are sensible: *loose 'some' or loose 'all?'*

B. The Lord's commands are *radical*

1. Obviously not *literal* for problem isn't in hand/eye but heart!

2. What is *offend* in this context?

3. What is the *right hand or eye*?

4. What does the Lord commands to be done?

C. The Lord's command are *personal*

**CLOSE OBSERVATION:** Radical measures are needed ...

➤ to *remove* the sources of temptations

➤ but also to *avoid* being the sources of temptation

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### **THOUGHTS ON TEMPTATION**

It takes two to make a successful temptation. Make sure you are not one of them.

Better shun the bait than struggle in the snare.

The power of a temptation is in the weakness of the tempted.