

**God's Top 10 List!**  
**"Number 7: Be Faithful In Marriage"**  
**Exodus 20:14 (page 53)**

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**What is adultery?**

- *Adultery* = voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful husband or wife. (Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Leviticus 20:10)
- The *implication* is that any sexual relationships outside of marriage are morally wrong. (Hebrews 13:4; Leviticus 18:6-22; Galatians 5:19; 1 Timothy 1:9-10; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

**Why is adultery wrong?**

- It is a *sin* against God. (Genesis 39:9; Psalm 51:4; Ephesians 5:3)
- It *violates* the marriage relationship (Genesis 2:20-24; Hebrews 13:4; Proverbs 18:19)
- It *defiles* the person involved (Leviticus 18:20; Proverbs 6:23-26, 32; 1 Corinthians 6:16-20)
- It is the *outworking* of inner lust and impure thoughts (Matthew 5:27-32; 15:10-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)
- It *dishonors* the relationship between God and His people and Christ and the Church. (Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 3:14, 20; 31:32; Ezekiel 16:32; Ephesians 5:22-33; Rev 19:7-9)

**The subtlety of adultery (2 Samuel 11; James 1:13-15)**

- He wasn't where he should have been (2 Samuel 11:1)
- He looked at something he shouldn't have seen (2 Samuel 11:2)
- He asks a question he should not be asking (2 Samuel 11:3)
- He took something that was not his to have. (2 Samuel 11:4a)
- He does something he never should have done (2 Samuel 11:4b)

**The consequences of adultery**

**(2 Samuel 12:11-18; 13:1-37; 15:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)**