

Adultery

If one continues to live in the state of adultery, see also SEXUAL IMMORALITY; WARNINGS; and OBEDIENCE. If one repents of adultery, see FORGIVENESS OF SINS; and PEACE.

1. Adultery is out of the heart.

Matt. 15:19. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

2. No adulterers go to heaven.

1 Cor. 6:9–10. Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

3. God will judge the adulterer.

Heb. 13:4. Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

4. Adultery can be avoided.

Prov. 4:23. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Prov. 4:13–27. (*Stay far from the path of evil.*)

Prov. 6:27–28. (*Don't play with fire.*) 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?

5. Shun adultery.

Prov. 6:20–35.

6. The adulteress' snare leads to misery.

Prov. 7:1–27.

7. The adulteress' snare is a deep pit.

Prov. 22:14. The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit; He who is abhorred by the Lord will fall there.

8. David fed the flame.

2 Sam. 11:2–3. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

9. David was depressed before he confessed his sins.

Ps. 32:3–5.

10. Nathan called David to repent of his adultery.

2 Sam. 12:1–14. (*The prophet Nathan spoke to David in a parable after he had sinned with Bathsheba.*)

11. David confessed his adultery, and God graciously forgave him.

Ps. 32; Ps. 51. (*David pleaded for God's forgiveness and expressed his joy after being forgiven.*)

12. God forgives the sin of adultery and frees the sinner from it.

1 Cor. 6:11. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

13. Looking on a woman lustfully is adultery; spiritual surgery is needed.

Matt. 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.”

14. Beware of seductive women.

Prov. 23:26–28. My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well. She also lies in wait as for a victim, And increases the unfaithful among men.

15. Stolen water is sweet, but ...

Prov. 9:17–18. “Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.

16. Keep the seventh commandment.

Exod. 20:14. “You shall not commit adultery.”

17. Anyone who marries a wrongfully divorced person commits adultery.

Matt. 5:31–32. “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

18. Anyone who divorces his or her spouse for any reason other than adultery and marries another commits adultery.

Matt. 19:9. “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

Rom. 7:2–3. For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

19. When he was tempted by Potiphar’s wife to commit adultery, Joseph refused to sin against God.

Gen. 39:6–20.

Gen. 39:9–10. “There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.¹

¹ John G. Krus, *Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling*, electronic ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1994).