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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY OF MATTHEW 5–7

The Covenant of Marriage

Matthew 5:27-32



September 27, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



The Covenant of Marriage - Matthew 5:27-32

Lesson Overview

In Matthew 5:27-32 Jesus speaks to two different external aspects of marital infidelity – adultery and divorce.

He moves from external infidelity to the internal infidelity which leads to those actions.

The ultimate expression of infidelity is that which God has to endure by His bride – the church.



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A Wee Bit of Greek

ἐρρέθη
“it was said”

Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43

ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν
(I however say to you)

“but I say to you”

Matthew 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44



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A Wee Bit of Background

Importance of Marriage in 1st Century

Fulfillment of Divine Mandate – Genesis 1:28; 9:6-7

Social and Economic Survival – 1 Timothy 5:4 & 8

Community Standing and Honor – Psalm 127:3-5;



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God's Examples of Marriage

Adam and Eve – Genesis 2

Jacob, Rachel, and Leah – Genesis 29

Hosea and Gomer – Hosea 1–3

Wedding at Cana – John 2

Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Revelation 19



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The Basic Proposition

Jesus says,

**“You have heard that it was said,
‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’;
but I say to you that everyone who looks at
a woman to lust for her has already
committed adultery with her in his heart.”**

Matthew 5:27-28 (LSB)



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The Further Expansion

Jesus continues,

“If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.”

Matthew 5:29-30 (LSB)



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The Basic Proposition

Jesus says,

“Now it was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’; but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



Matthew 5:31-32 (LSB)



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God's View of Divorce

Certificate of Divorce – Deuteronomy 24:1-4

God hates divorce – Malachi 2:16

**Don't separate what God joins together –
Matthew 19:3-6**

**The law exists because humans are hardhearted –
Matthew 19:7-9**



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God's View of the Adulterer and the Divorced

**God's plan for marriage was permanence.
Matthew 19:4-6**

**God's plan for His creation was for us to
live forever in a covenant of His love
as it was in the Garden of Eden and as
it will be again in the New Heaven and New Earth.
Revelation 21:1-4**



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God's View of the Adulterer and the Divorced

God allowed for divorce.

Deuteronomy 24; Matthew 19; 1 Corinthians 7

**Moreover, Jesus demonstrated His lovingkindness
(*chesed*) of adulterers and the divorced in His
interaction with the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)
and the Woman Caught in Adultery. (John 8:1-11)**



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God's View of the Adulterer and the Divorced

Because one person [Adam] disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person [Jesus] obeyed God, many will be made righteous. God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:19-21 (NLT)



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The Ultimate Infidelity

**You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
(James 4:4 - NIV)**

**Our adulterous relationship with the world
gives Him the right to divorce us, (Jeremiah 3)
but God in His mercy gave us Jesus instead.
(Ephesians 2:4-5)**



Next Week!

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The Letter of the Law vs The Spirit of the Law Part 3

Matthew 5:33 ff

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