

ADULTERY

THE TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH

Intro. Becoming 1 flesh does not = marriage, but all sex int. makes 1 flesh, 1 Cor. 6:16. Gen. 2:23-24. So becoming 2 flesh is very serious. Can be outside or within marriage relatn.

I. Adultery in the Body, 27. Ex 20:14. Death, Lev 20:10 bec fundamental sin against family and society. No sit makes it right.

II. Adultery in the heart, 28-30

A. Description of the sin, 28. Look at, regard woman with view to desire her. Not casual, but considere thot, yet where is dividing line? Should be pure in heart, v.8. Unfaithfulness of heart and is ~~sin~~.

B. Fact of sin. This is sin tho doesn't lead to act. Mrs. B. Graham-"Window shopping not same as shopliftin. But window shopping with lust is sin as is shopliftin.

C. Cause of the sin, 29-30. In heart, not in eye or hand. X being literally ridiculous to show where caus lies. *Don't feel flesh Rom 13:14. Births, TV.*

D. Seriousness of sin, 29-30. X being literal; i.e. better to be maimed in this life than to lose eternal life, Rev. 21:8.

III. Adultery in Marriage, 31.-32a

A. Meaning of adultery. 1. Adultery or repeated adultery. 2. Unfaithfulness during betrothal, Mt 1:18. 3. Too near relatives, Lev. 18; Acts 15:29. In any case, thi breaks marriage.

B. Result. Marriage broken, divorce. No OT passage institutes divorce; Deut. 24:1-4 states that when certain things happen (1-3), then prohibiton follows (4) of taking divorced wife back. Shammai=unchastity; Hillel=trivial causes. God's attitude: Mt 19:3-9; Mal 2:16; put away foreign wives, Ezra 10:17.

1 Cor 7. Causes her ~~had no other recourse for divorcee~~ had to become a prostitute

IV. Adultery in Remarriage, 32 b

If marry unlawfully divorced woman, then adultery bec 2 flesh. Can marry lawfully divorced woman?

1 Cor 7:15. Remarriage Ok, 1 Cor. 7:36.

Concl. Society lax. In 1920 1 divorce for every 7 ma 1940, 1 for 6; 1960, 1 for 4; 1972, 1 for 3.

God considers union very sacred. Adultery wrong outside marriage, in heart, in marriage, in remarriage.

Choose and pray carefully about partner and keep tog at all costs.