

Exodus 20:14

***The Love of Our Husband Overcomes Our Faithlessness!***

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**Sermon Outline**

Notes:

**I. Introduction**

- A. Why are we Tempted with Lust?
- B. Sins Come from the Hearts of Sinners

**Matthew 15:19**

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, *murder, adultery, sexual immorality*, theft, false witness, slander.

**Key Idea**

*The faithful love of our husband overcomes our faithlessness!*

- C. How will we Draw Out the Meaning of these Laws?
  - 1. What was the Original Meaning, and Purpose of this law?
  - 2. How Does Jesus Fulfill/Accomplish this Law?
  - 3. What is Jesus Producing in Us? (Next Week)

**II. What was the Original Meaning and Purpose of this law?**

- A. What Constituted Adultery in Israel?

**Exodus 22:16-17** (Cf. Dt. 22:22, 28-29)

<sup>16</sup> “If a man *seduces a virgin* who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife. <sup>17</sup> If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the bride-price for virgins.

**ESV Study Bible Note:** “Since the bride-price was equivalent to several years' wages, Ex. 22:17 amounts to the threat of huge damages in the case of premarital intercourse.”

## Deuteronomy 25:5-10

<sup>5</sup> “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. <sup>6</sup> And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And if the man does not wish to take his brother’s wife, then his brother’s wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to perpetuate his brother’s name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband’s brother to me.’ <sup>8</sup> Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him, and if he persists, saying, ‘I do not wish to take her,’ <sup>9</sup> then his brother’s wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother’s house.’ <sup>10</sup> And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.’”

### B. Married to Yahweh

## Jeremiah 31:31-32

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day *when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt*, my covenant that they broke, **though I was their husband**, declares the LORD.

### C. Divorce

## Deuteronomy 24:1-4

“When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some *indecency* in her, and he writes her a certificate of

divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, <sup>2</sup> and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, <sup>3</sup> and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, <sup>4</sup> then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord. And you shall not ***bring sin upon the land*** that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

### III. How Does Jesus Fulfill/Accomplish this Law?

A. Jesus was Never Married?

#### **Ephesians 5:31-32**

<sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This ***mystery*** is profound, and I am saying that it refers to **Christ and the church.**

B. He is Currently Fulfilling & Accomplishing this Law

1. Why do we look with lustful intent?

#### **Matthew 5:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘***You shall not commit adultery.***’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her **in his heart.** <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ...

2. The faithful love of our husband!

#### **Ephesians 5:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her,** <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of

water **with** the word,<sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.