

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

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“Thou shalt not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14)

This command deals with the greatest menace to the home – Unchastity. Strictly interpreted, the word adultery means the violation of the exclusive right of the husband to the affection of his wife. By implication it forbade all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions. The prevalence of divorce and the ease at which one can be obtained is one of the greatest tragedies and perils in this modern world.

This commandment and its importance in the Old Testament is a demand for the mutual love of a husband and wife. This mirrors the love God has for his children and the relationship they share. For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called (Isa. 54:5); And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD (Hosea 2:19,20). Jesus used this analogy in Ephesians 5:21-33 and then to the seven churches of Asia he said, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God” (Rev. 19:7-9). These should give us the perfect illustration of a perfect marriage.

The penalty for violating this law was severe. God did not look favorably upon any and all kinds of sexual deviancy. A reading of Leviticus 20:10-21 will give you a quick view of God’s attitude and the penalty for violating this law. He specifically mentions another man’s wife (v. 10); His stepmother (v. 12); His daughter-in-law (v. 12); with another man (v. 13); with his mother-in-law (v. 14); with a beast (v. 15,16). You see the seriousness of this when Abraham called Sarah his sister and Abimelech was about to die because he had taken her from Abraham (Gen. 20:1ff). God also considered idolatry as spiritual adultery and condemned it strongly as well (Hosea; Jer. 3:8,9; Jer. 5:7,8; Jer. 7:8-11; Jer. 23:12-14; Jer. 29:23). In any and all of this God’s wrath was brought upon those who were guilty.

In the New Testament Jesus also condemned this when it was the physical act with anyone who is not your wife. He only gave fornication as the one thing that could break the marriage bond (cf. Matt. 5:32; Matt. 19:1-12; Mark 10:2-12). Jesus goes back before the act itself is committed and condemned the thought that leads to the act (Matt. 5:26-28). Paul taught on this same subject and had the same message (Rom. 7; I Cor. 7; Eph. 5).

Adultery is a sin against God (Gen.39:9); against one’s own body (I Cor. 6:18; Prov. 6:32); against one’s family (Matt. 19:9; Eph. 5:21-33); and against society. This command forbids adultery, fornication, incest, rape, seduction, lewdness, wantonness, lasciviousness, infidelity, promiscuity, polygamy, sodomy, carnality, harlotry, whoredom and pornography. These are not one good thing that can be said about this sin. It ruins home and destroys souls.

(Here are two letters we recently received from Samrit and the work in Thailand. Photos mentioned are available at the Mission Board in the foyer. TJK)

Dear beloved brethren in Christ,

Happy New Year to you all from Thailand. I pray that this email finds you all well.

December 2021 was a difficult month for us. My father-in-law, Ted Lingren, was sick and passed away on December 19th after being hospitalized for five days. My wife, Michele, became sick of Covid-19 during the time she took care of her dad at home and visiting at the hospital. Gaby’s birthday was on Dec. 20th, a day after her grandfather passed away, and while her mom was being quarantined. It was the first time ever that she did not have a parent present at the party to celebrate with her. But Laura, her aunt, was helping to keep things going as it should for her, and both of our girls were taken care of. Thanks Laura.

Thankful that Michele has recovered from sickness recently. There will be a memorial service for bro. Ted on January 8. I was planning to be there but a recent restriction (everyone must be fully vaccinated) issued by CDC does not allow me to travel to the US.

This is the first Sunday of 2022. I preached at Kalasin this morning (The only one picture attached below). We had about 40 plus in attendance. We are thankful for all of the five congregations we are helping in N.E Thailand. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

I hope I will be able to send out the work report for the last quarter of 2021 before long. Thank you so much for your patience.

May God continue to bless us all as we strive to do His will together.

In Christ,
Samrit, Michele, Gaby and Annie

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Sa Wad Dee Krub, greetings from the kingdom of Thailand. Grace and peace from God to you all.

1) We have currently been studying the Bible with a young man, Mr. Teerawat. He is 18 years of age. We converted his father, bro. Tawin, last year. Before setting up Bible study with this young man, he has attended worship services with the brethren at his village for four Sundays consistently. I was told that one thing that drew Teerawat to the assembly was because he saw the change in his father’s life as a Christian (which is much better than the life he spent before), and he wanted to find out! So, I did not hesitate to progressively drive his interest by inviting him to set up Bible studies together. Beside hearing the gospel preached at the assembly, Teerawat has personally studied the Bible with us once a week for two weeks now. The first two studies, we studied mainly on ‘there is a God’. As our study goes with this young man, please pray that Teerawat will continue to be hungry for the truth. (Pictures attached).

2) I will be conducting a weekend Bible school at Kalasin province this coming weekend (Jan. 21-23). The topic is ‘The Church of the New Testament.’ I am so glad that Teerawat plans to attend this school. This will be a great opportunity for him to hear the teaching concerning the church of Christ and other subtopics under it.

3) This quarter I have been teaching a youth Bible class at Kalasin on the topic “Your New Beautiful Life In Christ. So grateful for these young Christians whom our family saw them grow physically and now became Christians. Please also pray for their spiritual growth as they continue to be grounded in the faith. (Picture attached)

4) Michele, Gaby and Annie plan to come to Thailand in the last week of May. Michele is scheduled to speak at a Lady’s day in Kalasin in June. Our family will also be working with youth in the month of June. And, visiting with the churches we established in N.E Thailand will be made.

In Christ,
Samrit

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Wanda Cashion is in Belle Meade in Paragould continuing her rehab.
Lanafae Stephens had follow-up surgery done Friday, January 21st.
Andy Taylor, Sheryl's son, was released from NEA Baptist on Thursday and is now home.
Jane Brewer, Mark's mother, is in NEA Baptist and now in room 3209.
Terri Lynn Buck, Leah Brewer's cousin, is dealing with health problems and upcoming surgery.

Please continue to pray for all of these and others who are at home recovering from recent surgeries, confinement, or bereavement.

IN OTHER NEWS:

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)

Ukraine Missions Buckets: January items are baby powder and small Bibles.

Copies of the directory are on a table by the picture board. Please look at your information and either mark ok or make necessary corrections, please.

Those Privileged To Serve January 23, 2022

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten
 Opening Prayer: Hal Baugh
 Closing Prayer: Mitch Mosley
 Bible Reading: Carlos Wood
 Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD'S TABLE

Presiding: Stacy Eddleman
 Jerry Dodson Dan Nichols
 Scottie Blanchard Jeff Presley
 Donnie Gilliland Hayden Roush

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Ben Johns
 Opening Prayer: J. L. May
 Closing Prayer: Carroll Morris
 Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

January 26, 2022

Song Leader: Kevin Roush
 Opening Prayer: J. L. May
 Closing Prayer: James Johnson

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

January 26, 2022
 Stacy Eddleman

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of January 16, 2022

Sunday Bible Study	64
Sunday AM Worship	86
Sunday PM Worship	94
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$4621

**“As snow in summer,
and as rain in harvest,
so honour is not
seemly for a fool.”**

Proverbs 26:1

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

“As Goes The Home”

We are living in a time when society seems to be collapsing right before our eyes. There are many reasons we may attribute to this sad reality. But I believe the number one reason is the collapse of the home as God intended it. "As the home goes so goes society!" "As the home goes so goes the civil government!" "As the home goes so goes the church!" No doubt the home is the very foundation of civilization. Therefore, in order to fix societal problems, we must first fix the home. That starts with the husband and wife making their home God centered. We do this by patterning the home after God's design. In these articles we will see the pattern God gave for the home. It must start with recognizing God's role of authority. The church has God ordained leadership. Our civil government has God's ordained leadership. So is it with the home! As Christians we should be the example to the world, our nation, our state, and our community as God's model home. When we see more husbands taking the responsibility of leadership in the home and the wife submitting to her husband, we are well on our way to making society a better place. Sadly, too many husbands today have abandoned their God given responsibility. Wives far too often do not respect their husband's leadership. This must stop if we want to see our society strong and whole again. The husband must step up and fulfill his leadership role in the home! The husband must unconditionally love and respect his wife. In turn the wife must love, respect, and reverence her husband and submit to his leadership! Following God's pattern, you will build your home as God intended it. When husband and wife do this, their children will see their godly example and build a home just like their parents. As a result, our society will be a better place, our civil government will be better equipped to be just and fair and fulfill their God given responsibility of protecting her citizens, and the local church will be much and stronger and equipped to do the work God intended for her to do.

John Hall

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
 Randy Oden

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
 Jerry Dodson
 Stacy Eddleman
 Mike Felts
 Jason Garland
 Scott Pratt
 Kevin Roush
 Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Samrit Kammanee,
 Southeast Asia
 Micah Robertson,
 Montana
 Warren, PA

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God
John 8:24

Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus
 as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the
 remission of your sins
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

“Therefore if any man be in
 Christ, he is a new creature:
 old things are passed away;
 behold, all things are become
 new.” (2 Cor. 5:17)

Living Anew In 2022