

Sunday, June 4, 2023 Dr. Chet Harvey

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT Exodus 20:14

Passage in a Sentence: In God's Word we recognize the importance of marriage and the destructive power of adultery.

I. RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THE WORLD.

- a. The Ten Commandments are built on the creation foundation of God, family, and society.
- b. The union of one man and one woman has been God's plan for the establishment of family and society since Genesis 1.
- c. In the New Testament, marriage is a picture of the gospel for the watching world.

II. RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF ADULTERY TO DESTROY MARRIAGE.

- a. The seventh commandment is built on God's creation foundation of marriage and serves as a warning at what can destroy marriage.
- b. Adultery is a serious sin with serious consequences because it ruptures this foundation.
- c. According to Jesus, adultery begins at the level of the heart.
- d. Adultery has consequences not only for the marriage but for the family and for society.

III. RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SUSTAIN AND RESTORE MARRIAGE.

- a. In the power of the Spirit, we can walk faithfully with our spouse.
- b. In the power of the Spirit, we can actively practice self-control.
- c. In the power of the Spirit, we can find restoration and healing where marriage vows have been broken.
- d. In the power of the Spirit, we can be sustained with our spouse until the Lord calls us to Him.