

Sermon on the Mount Part 9
Jesus Speaks on Lust and Adultery
Matthew 5:27-30

I. In the beginning God created.

- Genesis 1:1 makes the following statement about God “In the beginning God created....”
 - In short all things were created by God most importantly man and women
 - When God had finished creation on day 6 he said in Genesis 1:21 “And God saw everything that He had made and behold, it was VERY GOOD!
 - In Genesis 2:24-25 we read “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed.”
 - Intimacy is not news to God
 - God created the desire between a man and a woman to be intimate
 - As indicated in Genesis 2:25 there is absolutely nothing to be ashamed about.
- All of this changed in a few short moments of disobedience to God
 - Genesis 3:7 “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin cloths.
- Ever since that moment in history both genders have struggled with sexuality and sexual sin.
 - Do you think God knew what He was saying when He said in Genesis 2:16-17

II. The obvious ramifications from the fall (Matthew 5:27-28)

- Jesus begins by speaking as He did last week. You have heard it said of them in the old time.
 - Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery” The seventh commandment
- What is Adultery?
 - The Holman Bible Dictionary defines it this way “Act of unfaithfulness in marriage that occurs when one of the marriage partners voluntarily engages in sexual intercourse with a person other than their marriage partner.”
 - Verse 28 states “But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
 - We now worship the creature rather than the creator. This is idolatry!
- How far have we come?
 - Paul Coughlin (focus on the family) states “The photograph was invented in 1839, and in just 11 quick years the word “pornographer” was seeded into our dictionary-unaware of the Zeus like power and combustive fury that was to come as virtual infidelity would someday be as close as a harmless-blue Click Here
 - Today the pornography industry is more “acceptable” by the world’s standards and since the very first Playboy magazine (first edition 1953) was issued the business has grown to an estimated 4.9 billion dollars business.
 - Earlier this decade the domain name sex.com was sold for 65 million dollars! As Paul Coughlin puts it maybe we should stop calling it the internet and call it the intercourse net.
 - An estimated 28,258 people every second, 72% men and 28% women view pornography.
 - Every 39 minutes a new pornographic video is being created in the United States alone.
- Christians are not immune
 - Focus on the family conducted a survey of men who attended a Promise Keepers conference and 53% admitted that they have viewed pornography that week.
 - More than 45% of Christians admit that pornography is a major problem in their home.
 - An anonymous survey conducted recently by Pastors.com reported that 54% of pastors admitted viewing porn within the last year.
 - Many times this is written off as a problem that only men struggle with, but the reality is that it does really affect both genders
 - In an online newsletter, 34% of female readers of Today’s Christian Woman admitted to intentionally accessing Internet pornography.
 - 1 out of 6 women who read Today’s Christian Woman say they struggle with addiction to pornography. The sad thing is that the statistic dates back to the fall of 2003. Interested in what it would be today.
 - Many women today are getting caught up in online relationships through chat rooms.
 - Ladies it is not just the internet that is getting you in trouble.
 - Many women today like to read romance novels and watch soap operas.

III. The stern words of application from Jesus

- As we look at verses 29-30 one question comes to my mind. Do we/you fear God?
 - Read Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom, fools despise wisdom and instruction”
 - Jesus specifically uses the word “hell” or the Greek word “Gehenna”
 - This is the place of the second death, lake of fire, everlasting fire and an unquenchable fire.
- Here are some passages that should bring a right fear of the Lord into our lives
 - I John 2:15-17, I John 3:9, I Corinthians 5:9-11 and I Corinthians 10:8, I Corinthians 6:9-20
- The word is clear on this topic. Sexual immorality of any kind is a sin

