

## The Lord's Lecture on Lust

Matthew 5:27-30

### The Law and lust (27)

- Why does Jesus say, "You have heard..." when mentioning the seventh commandment?
  1. He is dealing with the t\_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the Law, "You must not commit adultery" handed down by respected Rabbis.
  2. If He were appealing to biblical authority, He would have said, "As it is w\_\_\_\_\_ " or something similar.
- What was the traditional understanding of this commandment?
  1. Adultery was a criminal and civil offense committed by a married w\_\_\_\_\_ with a man.
  2. The death penalty prescribed by Lev 20:10 was seldom enforced. Instead the woman was branded as an a\_\_\_\_\_ and given a bill of divorce (if her husband desired). The man involved had little consequences if any.
- Jesus shows that adultery is a sin that begins in the h\_\_\_\_\_ and it is called lust.
- Our society promotes lust in many ways
  1. Commercials, movies, television programs promote lust as something natural, normal, and h\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Dr. R\_\_\_\_\_ encourages married couples with sexual problems to fantasize.
  3. (see You Tube – Ted Bundy's last interview) – Ted Bundy fed his lust and turned into a serial killer. He warns us that p\_\_\_\_\_ can snatch any kid out of any house today.

### The look to lust (28)

- Jesus focuses on:
  1. M\_\_\_\_\_ because this commandment traditionally focused on women.
  2. Lust against a \_\_\_\_\_ woman because this commandment was traditionally applied just to married women.
- What is the definition of lust?
  1. The word itself refers to an i\_\_\_\_\_ desire. What are some intense non-sexual desires that you have had? (circle them)
    - a. Attention
    - b. Cup of coffee
    - c. Food
    - d. Power
  2. The context demands us to apply it in a sexual sense that is outside the boundaries of m\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. A mere l\_\_\_\_\_ is not lust

b. In the Greek text, the tense of the action verb “look” is the present tense which emphasizes a c\_\_\_\_\_ look.

●If you find yourself going beyond a mere look

1. You must ask yourself, “Why am I continuing to look?” - this applies to women looking at men as well.
2. If the look is done to feed sexual feelings, then it is l\_\_\_\_\_.

### **The liberation from lust (29,30)**

●Jesus gives a graphic illustration of c\_\_\_\_\_ stumbling into sin (The word stumbling is in the present tense in the Greek text)

1. If your right eye causes you to constantly stumble into sin, then \_\_\_\_\_ it out so you won’t end up in fiery Gehenna (i.e. the Lake of Fire).
2. If your right hand causes you to constantly stumble into sin, then \_\_\_\_\_ it off so you won’t end up in fiery Gehenna (see Rev 21:8).

●Understanding the illustration

1. This is not to be taken l\_\_\_\_\_, for we know that a person does not lust with only one eye.
2. This is a hyperbole, which is an exaggeration to make a p\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The point is that you must get to the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the problem.
  - b. The word translated as stumble (KJV – offend; ESV – causes to sin) refers to a s\_\_\_\_\_ that springs a trap. What is triggering the lust?

●What triggers lust?

1. This v\_\_\_\_\_ from person to person (it could be a computer, a magazine, movies, boredom, etc)
2. What body part did Jesus refer to where lust came from? – the h\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. He was speaking not of the physical heart but of that part of us that thinks and f\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Only God can truly c\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts.

●How can we have our hearts changed?

1. It begins with committing your heart to Jesus to be your God and Savior.
2. It continues with y\_\_\_\_\_ your heart to Him as you live according to His word and loving Him fully.

### **Conclusion:**

●It is not wrong to be t\_\_\_\_\_ with lust (Heb 4:15).

●Jesus offers forgiveness for any degree of lust, even if it takes an outward form like adultery. Therefore, we must forgive as well.

●There is liberation from lust by a y\_\_\_\_\_ heart.