

Study Guide for the Week of 5/28/2017



“The Choice to Live Faithful to your Spouse!”

Mathews 5:27-30 (NLT)

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Sermon online @ "YouTube" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4yE0t0ek84euNz419gTgWg>

HUGG GROUP PRAYER LIST: James 5:13-16

Continue to pray for group requests throughout the week.

Pray for your family and friends and these Ecclesia needs:

- CTBK
- Test the Tithe Pledgers
- The Elected Elders of Ecclesia
- ECF Members in the Biblical Base Classes

TEXT UNDER VIEW: Matthew 5:27-30 (NLT)

27 “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

BACKGROUND: Definition of Adultery

The sixth commandment (Exodus 20:13) protects the sanctity of life and the seventh (Exodus 20:14) the sanctity of marriage. According to Jewish law, adultery referred to sexual intercourse with the wife or the betrothed of a Jew and it was condemned because it was in essence "taking" another man's wife and thus was considered illicit use of that man's property! They viewed it as an external act. This was a serious offense in the OT, Moses recording...

'If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. (Leviticus 20:10)

"If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel. 23 "If there is a girl who is a virgin engaged to a man, and another man finds her in the city and lies with her, 24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and you shall stone them to death; the girl, because she did not cry out in the city, and the man, because he has violated his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you. (Deut 22:22-24)

LOOK BACK:

1. Discuss in your group; which commandment The Lord is referencing to in this passage?

2. What scriptures first mentions 'committing adultery', in the bible?

LOOK UP:

3. In v.28 the Lord says "But I say unto you"; what is it that the Lord is emphasizing when HE is expounding on v.27?

4. Share with your group; does being faithful to your spouse mean sexual purity only?

5. Discuss in your group; vss. 29-30, what is the significance of eyes and hands in adultery?

LOOK FORWARD:

6. Share with your group how the message will change your relationship with God and people?

HUGG HOSTS:

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