

Protection Against Pre-Marital Immorality and Marital Infidelity

“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” —

Hebrews 13:4

God’s standard is **one man, one woman, for one life — till death do us part.**

1. God’s Commandments and Warnings Against Immorality and Adultery

- **Exodus 20:14** — *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
 - **Exodus 20:17** — *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife* — even the desire is sinful.
 - **Matthew 5:28** — Looking with lust is adultery of the heart.
 - **Matthew 5:32** — Divorce except for fornication leads to adultery.
 - **Matthew 15:19** — From the heart come adulteries and fornications.
 - **Matthew 19:9** — Putting away one’s spouse except for fornication and remarrying results in adultery.
 - **1 Corinthians 5:11** — Do not keep company with a professing believer who is a fornicator.
 - **1 Corinthians 6:13b, 18** — The body is for the Lord; *flee fornication.*
 - **Galatians 5:19** — Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and lasciviousness are works of the flesh.
 - **Ephesians 5:3** — Fornication and uncleanness should not even be named among saints.
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:3–7** — God’s will is sanctification: abstain from fornication; live in holiness, not lust.
 - **Revelation 21:8** — Whoremongers are among those consigned to the second death.
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2. Satan’s Traps (Proverbs 7:6–27)

- a. **The Place Trap** — Near her corner, to her house (v. 8)
 - b. **The Time Trap** — In the twilight... in the black and dark night (v. 9)
 - c. **The Clothing Trap** — The attire of a harlot (v. 10)
 - d. **The Verbal Trap** — Flattery; excessive, insincere praise mixed with physical involvement (vv. 13–21)
 - e. **The Privacy Trap** — *My husband is not at home* (v. 19)
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3. God’s Preventatives

a. Personal Discipline (Self-Control)

- *1 Corinthians 9:27* — I discipline my body and bring it into subjection.

b. Careful Companionship

- *1 Corinthians 15:33* — Evil companions corrupt good morals.

c. Spiritual Holiness

- *Galatians 5:17* — Walk in the Spirit to avoid fulfilling the lust of the flesh.
- *1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7* — God calls us to sanctification and holiness, not uncleanness.