

XXXIII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON THIRTY-THREE
... ABOUT DISCERNING GOOD AND EVIL

INTRODUCTION

We learn from Hebrews 5:12-14 that one of the proofs of being skilled in the Word is the ability to discern both good and evil. To discern good and evil is to understand that good, all that is really good comes only from God; and that evil comes from the devil; and that we who are children of God through the new birth in Jesus Christ are to hate evil and to cleave to that which is good. Amen?

In this lesson, we would see what is good and what is evil according to the Sixth Commandment, in order that, we might accordingly, order the course of our lives.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14
In the Sixth Commandment we want to discern GOOD and EVIL as they relate to MARRIAGE and PURITY.

What is marriage?

Genesis 2:18-24

Matthew 19:6

Conclusions: Marriage was instituted by God and is to be a lifelong union of one man and one women unto one flesh.

Why did God institute marriage?

Genesis 1:27,28

Genesis 9:1

Genesis 2:18

Genesis 2:24

1 Corinthians 6:16

1 Corinthians 7:2,9

Conclusions: God instituted marriage for the pro-creation of children; to provide needed companionship; and an intimate relationship where sexual feelings and needs could be met in a God pleasing way.

... DISCERNING GOOD

According to the Sixth Commandment, what GOOD (godly behavior) are we to discern, in relationship to marriage and purity?

Genesis 2:24

Genesis 2:18

Ephesians 5:24,25

1 Peter 3:7

1 Peter 3:1

Colossians 3:19

1 Corinthians 7:3,4

1 Peter 2:11

Philippians 4:8

Ephesians 4:29

Genesis 39:9

Psalm 119:11

Galatians 5:16

Psalm 51:10

Proverbs 23:31-33

1 Corinthians 6:18

Genesis 39:12

1 Corinthians 6:19

Proverbs 1:10

1 Corinthians 15:33

Bible example: Joseph resisted the temptation of the wife of Potiphar and fled from her.

Genesis 39:7-12.

Conclusions: We would discern from the Sixth Commandment that it is GOOD:

- 1. For married couples to cleave (adhere) each other;**
- 2. To give themselves to each other;**
- 3. To love and honor each other, the husband his wife as his God-given helpmeet and the wife her husband as her God-given head;**

4. To lead a chaste and decent life in thoughts, words, desires, and deeds;
5. To fight to overcome all impure thoughts and desires with God's Word, prayer, temperance and Holy Spirit;
6. To Flee and avoid every opportunity for unchasteness;
7. Separate yourselves from evil companionship.

... DISCERNING EVIL

According to the Sixth Commandment what EVIL (ungodly behavior) are we to discern?

Romans 1:26,27

Leviticus 18:22

1 Corinthians 6:9,10

Leviticus 18:23

1 Corinthians 6:15,18

Genesis 39:9

Leviticus 18:6-20

1 Corinthians 5:1

Luke 18:20

Matthew 19:9

Matthew 5:32

Matthew 19:3-6

1 Corinthians 7:15

Ephesians 5:12

Matthew 14:6

Romans 13:13-14

Ephesians 5:3,4

Matthew 5:28

Matthew 15:19

Colossians 3:5,6

Bible examples: David committed adultery with the wife of Uriah. 2 Samuel 11. - Herod took his brothers wife. Mark 6:18. - Potiphar's wife, with lust in her heart, cast her eyes upon Joseph. Genesis 39:7-12. Samson committed fornication. Judges 16:1.

Conclusions: We would discern from the Sixth Commandment that it is EVIL:

- 1. To break the marriage vow by unfaithfulness or desertion;**
- 2. To be unchaste and unclean in deeds, words, desires, and thoughts;**
- 3. To be involved in any form of fornication (Fornication being defined as any form of sex or sexual gratification outside the bonds of marriage;**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is the practice of polygamy EVIL?

Are homosexual marriages approved of and instituted by God?

Why not?

To what extent has TV and movies effected the morals of God's people in the last 30 years?

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

This commandment means, that we should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word, deed, thought, and desire; and each love and honor his spouse.

Is this reflected in your life? _____ Yes _____ No If not, why not?