

Subject: Routing the Deadly Sin of Lust with Life's Purity

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Hymns: 383, 237, 40

The Bible

(The Message by Eugene Peterson)

(The King James Bible)

Exodus 20:2-3,14,17 (to covet) thy neighbour's wife

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

17 Thou shalt not covet ... thy neighbour's wife,....

Proverbs 6:25 (to ;)

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart;....

Matthew 5:27-28

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

James 4:2-4

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Matthew 5:8

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

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II Samuel 11:2-9, 13-17, 26-27

2 One late afternoon, David got up from taking his nap and was strolling on the roof of the palace. From his vantage point on the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was stunningly beautiful.

3 David sent to ask about her, and was told, "Isn't this Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

4 David sent his agents to get her. After she arrived, he went to bed with her.

5... Later she sent word to David: "I'm pregnant."

6 David then got in touch with Joab: "Send Uriah the Hittite to me." Joab sent him.

7 When he arrived, David asked him for news from the front—how things were going with Joab and the troops and with the fighting.

8 Then he said to Uriah, "Go home. Have a refreshing bath and a good night's rest."

9 But Uriah didn't go home. He slept that night at the palace entrance, along with the king's servants.

13 The next day David invited him to eat and drink with him, and David got him drunk. But in the evening Uriah again went out and slept with his master's servants. He didn't go home.

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.

15 In the letter he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front lines where the fighting is the fiercest. Then pull back and leave him exposed so that he's sure to be killed."

16 So Joab, holding the city under siege, put Uriah in a place where he knew there were fierce enemy fighters.

17 When the city's defenders came out to fight Joab, some of David's soldiers were killed, including Uriah the Hittite.

26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she grieved for her husband.

27 When the time of mourning was over, David sent someone to bring her to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son.

(The Message)

II Samuel 12: 1-14, 19-20

3 But God was not at all pleased with what David had done, and sent Nathan to David. Nathan said to him, "There were two men in the same city—one rich, the other poor.

2 The rich man had huge flocks of sheep, herds of cattle. The poor man had nothing but one little female lamb, which he had bought and raised. It grew up with him and his children as a member of the family. It ate off his plate and drank from his cup and slept on his bed. It was like a daughter to him.

4 "One day a traveler dropped in on the rich man. He was too stingy to take an animal from his own herds or flocks to make a meal for his visitor, so he took the poor man's lamb and prepared a meal to set before his guest."

5 David exploded in anger. "As surely as God lives," he said to Nathan, "the man who did this ought to be lynched!

6 He must repay for the lamb four times over for his crime and his stinginess!"

7 "You're the man!" said Nathan.

13 Then David confessed to Nathan, "I've sinned against God." Nathan pronounced, "Yes, but that's not the last word. God forgives your sin. You won't die for it.

14 But because of your blasphemous behavior, the son born to you will die."

19 David noticed that the servants were whispering behind his back, and realized that the boy must have died. He asked the servants, "Is the boy dead?" "Yes," they answered. "He's dead."

20 David got up from the floor, washed his face and combed his hair, put on a fresh change of clothes, then went into the sanctuary and worshiped.

Hebrews 12:6 (whom to 1st ,)

6 ...whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,....

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

S&H 115:19-24

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

First Degree: Depravity.

PHYSICAL. Evil beliefs, passions and appetites, fear, depraved will, self-justification, pride, envy, deceit, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, disease, death.

S&H 407:6 - 11

Man's enslavement to the most relentless masters — passion, selfishness, envy, hatred, and revenge — is conquered only by a mighty struggle. Every hour of delay makes the struggle more severe. If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush out happiness, health, and manhood.

S&H 201:9

Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side of God, good.

S&H 289:8-11

A wicked mortal is not the idea of God. He is little else than the expression of error. To suppose that sin, lust, hatred, envy, hypocrisy, revenge, have life abiding in them, is a terrible mistake.

S&H 115:25-27

Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.

MORAL. Humanity, honesty, affection, compassion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance.

S&H 116:1-3

Third Degree: Understanding.

SPIRITUAL. Wisdom, purity, spiritual understanding, spiritual power, love, health, holiness.

S&H 582:14 (to 1st ,)

BRIDE. Purity and innocence,

S&H 590:9 (to 1st.), 10 innocence (to 2nd)

LAMB OF GOD. ... innocence and purity

S&H 586:13 remorse (to 3rd;), affliction

FIRE. Remorse; lust; affliction purifying and elevating man.

S&H 581:23 (to 1st ;) 25

BAPTISM. Purification by Spirit; ... We are "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (II Corinthians v.8.)

S&H 337:14

Christian Science demonstrates that none but the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel teaches. In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual ideal.

S&H 272:19 - 23

It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce of material existence; it is chastity and purity, in contrast with the downward tendencies and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity, which really attest the divine origin and operation of Christian Science.

S&H 323:6-9

Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks of Science.

S&H 241:1 (only), 3, 27

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

... he who refuses obedience to God, is chastened by Love.

S&H 241:27

The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its demonstration.

Hymn 12:3 (to free)

"O Father-Mother God, whose plan
Hath given dominion unto man,
In Thine own image we may see
Man pure and upright, whole and free."