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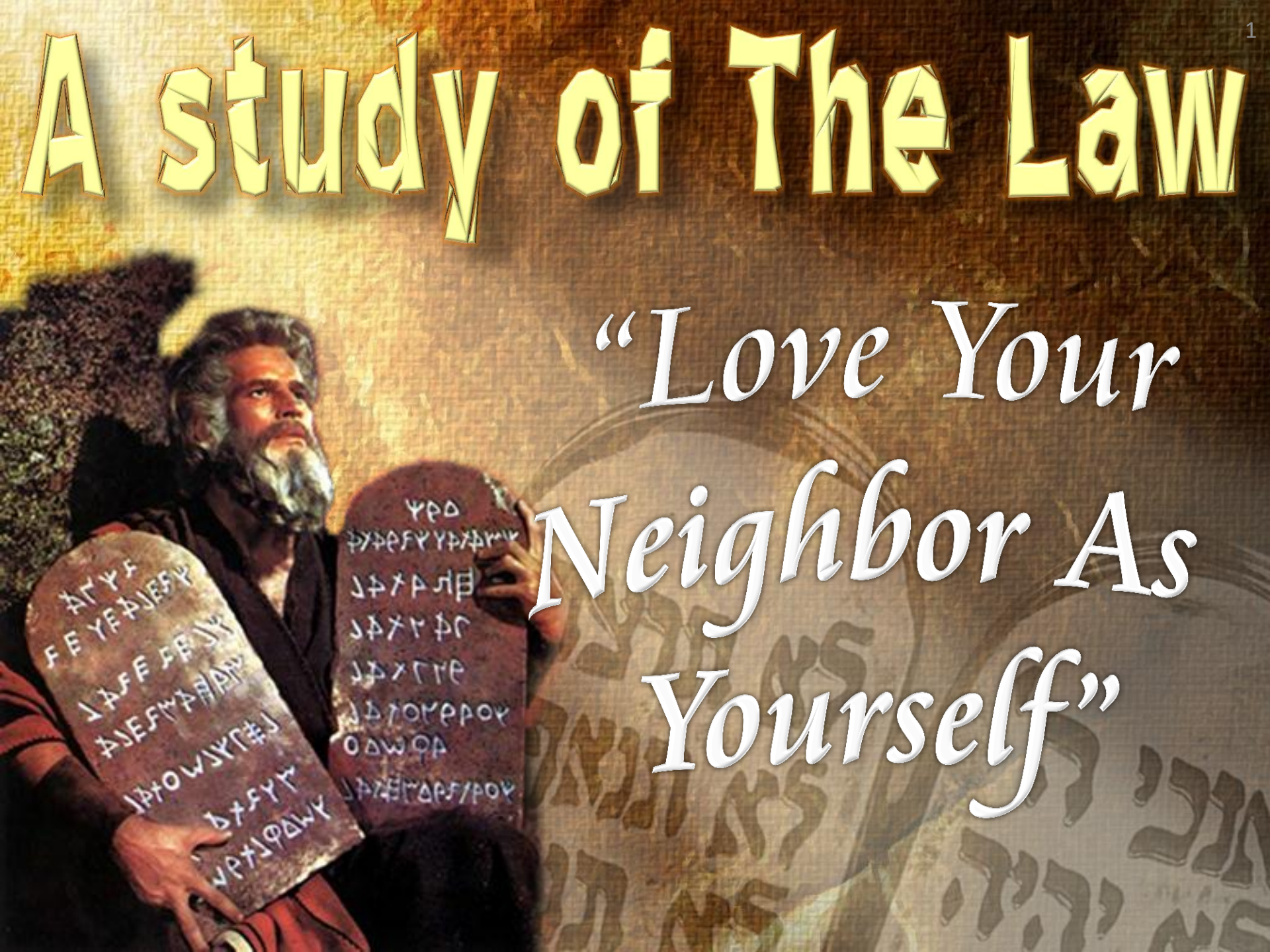

"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself"

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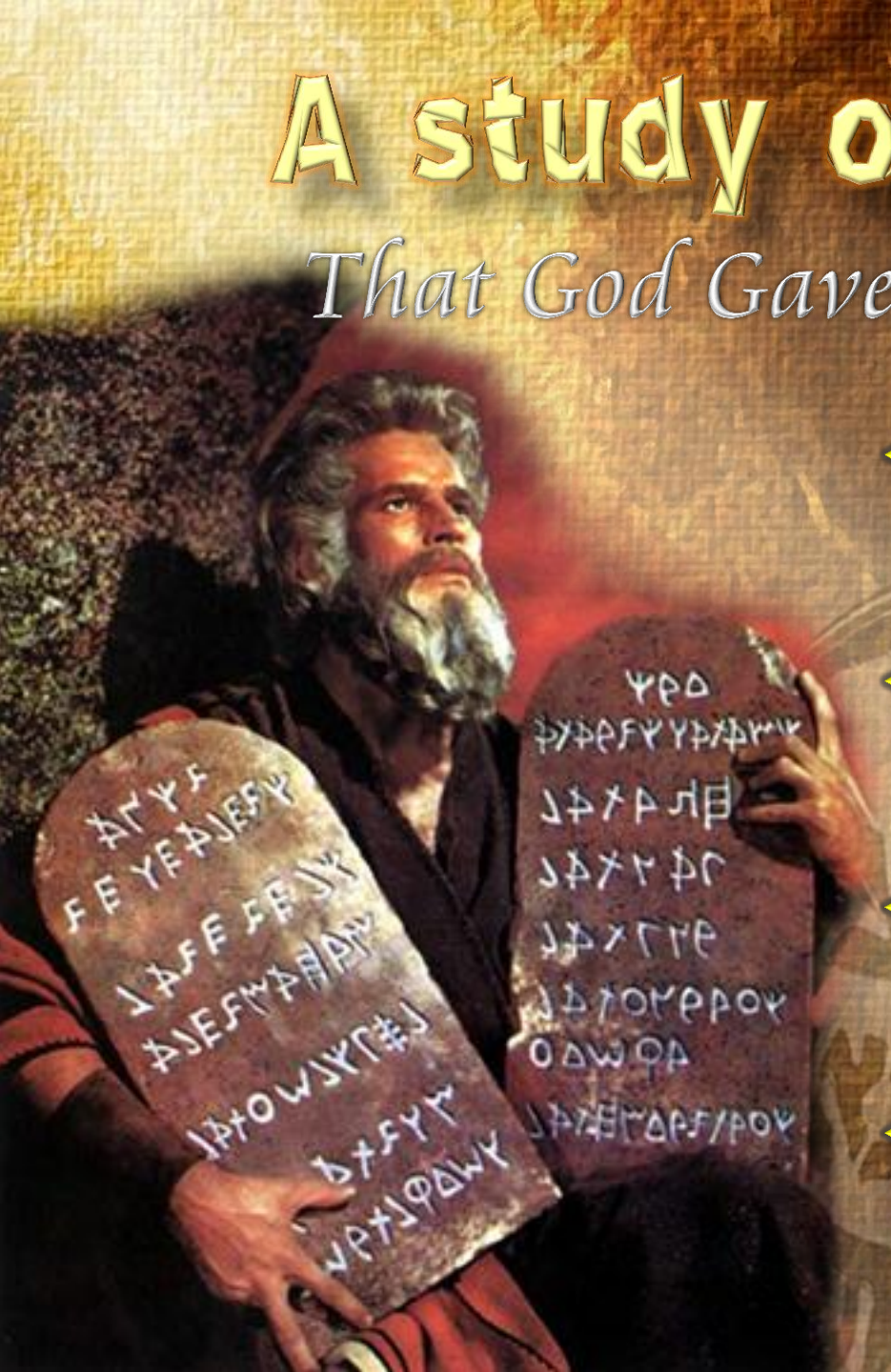

- To Whom Was It Given?
- What Was Its purpose?
- What Was To Be Its Duration?
- Its Relevance To Us?

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"A covenant is a binding contract between two parties, both of whom have obligations specified in the covenant." (Fee and Stuart. 150)

The Law
613 Commands
Toward God
Toward Others
National / Civil

Israel

God's chosen people
Separated from the world as a nation -

(Exodus 19:5-6; 24:3-8; Deut. 5:1-3)

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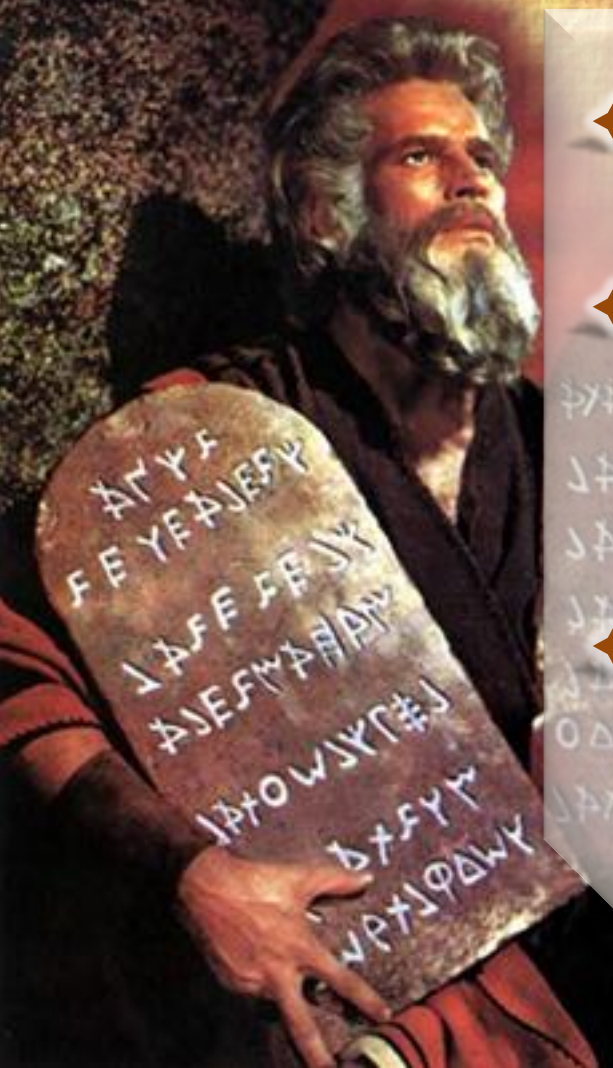

- God's essential nature is unchanging and unchangeable (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17),
- God's law is adapted to man's needs, therefore specific laws have changed in different dispensations (Gen. 6-9; 17:10; Exo 20; Mat. 17:1-5; Heb. 1:1,2; 7:12).
- There are principles behind the law God gave through Moses which will help us understand God and how to please Him. (Rom. 15:4; Gal. 3:24; 2 Tim 3:15)

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Two Major Divisions

Love God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Love Man

5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

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Exodus 20:1-17 Deuteronomy 5:1-22

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Exodus 20:13-17 (NKJV)

13 "You shall not murder. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

Deuteronomy 5:17-21

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"You Shall Not Murder"

- **Satan – a murderer from the beginning** – Gen 2:17; John 8:44
- **Cain murders Able** — Gen. 4:8.
- **The antediluvian world was destroyed because of violence** — Gen 6:11.
- **God enacts death penalty** – Gen 9:6; Ex. 21:12-14; Rom. 13:4
- **The Lord hates violence** — Psalm 11:5; Prov. 6:16-19

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- **Man is made in God's image - thus, human life is sacred -** (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; Ecc. 12:7)
- **The Law made a distinction between MURDER and MANSLAUGHTER –** (Exodus 21:13; Deuteronomy 19:4-6)
- **Human life can only be taken intentionally by divine permission –** (Exodus 21:12-17; Numbers 31:1-7; Eccl. 3:3)

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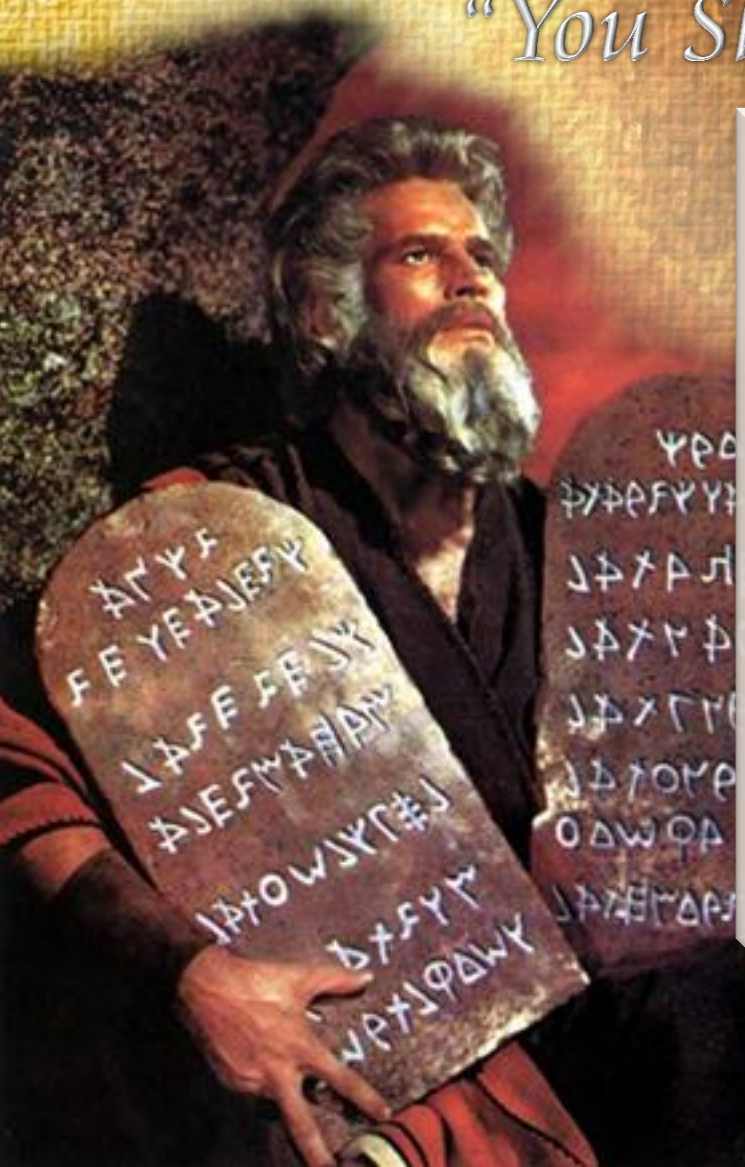

The Old Testament Also Forbids

- **Any act of violence -** (Exodus 21:18-19)
- **Carelessness causing death -** (Deuteronomy 22:8)
- **Hatred that leads to death -** (Leviticus 19:17-18)

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"You Shall Not Murder"

Matthew 5:21-22 (NKJV)

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, *'You shall not murder,* and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

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1 John 3:14-15 (NKJV)

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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"You Shall Not Murder"

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- **Abortion -**
- **Euthanasia -**

Psalm 94:20-21 (NKJV)

20 Shall the throne of iniquity,
which devises evil by law, Have
fellowship with You? 21 They
gather together against the life
of the righteous, And condemn
innocent blood.

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- **Abortion -**
- **Euthanasia -**
- **Suicide -**
- **Hatred –**
  - Character assassination
  - Humiliation -
  - Rumors / Gossip –
  - Malice

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"You Shall Not Murder"

Romans 13:4 (NKJV)

4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

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"You shall not commit adultery"

Adultery: a sexual relationship between a man and woman in which at least one of the partners in the relationship is bound by God to someone else.

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"You shall not commit adultery"

Leviticus 20:10-12 (NKJV)

10 The man who commits adultery with *another* man's wife, *he* who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. 11 The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. 12 If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

(Cf. Deuteronomy 22:22-24)

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"You shall not commit adultery"

Proverbs 6:32 (NKJV)

32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul.

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"You shall not commit adultery"

- **The home was the first divine institution and is thus sacred -** (Genesis 2:18-24)
- **God is faithful and keeps His covenants** - (Deuteronomy 7:9).
- **God demands faithfulness in the most serious fleshly covenant we enter -** (Prov. 2:15-18; Mal 2:13-14)
- **Marriage is a picture of Christ and His church –** (Eph 5:22-33; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7,8; 21:2)

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"You shall not commit adultery"

- **Adultery condemned by Christ –** (Mat 5:27-32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18.)
- **Adultery - a work of the flesh & will keep one out of the kingdom of God –** (1 Cor. 6:9; Gal 5:19)
- **Adultery - a picture of unfaithfulness to God** – (Hos. 3:1; James 4:4)

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Adultery Extends Beyond The Sexual Act

- **To put away someone for reasons other than fornication and marry another –** (Mat. 19:9; Mark 10:11,12)
- **To marry someone who has been put away –** (Mat. 5:32; 19:9)
- **To be in a marriage where one or both parties are still bound to another living spouse -** (Rom. 7:1-3)

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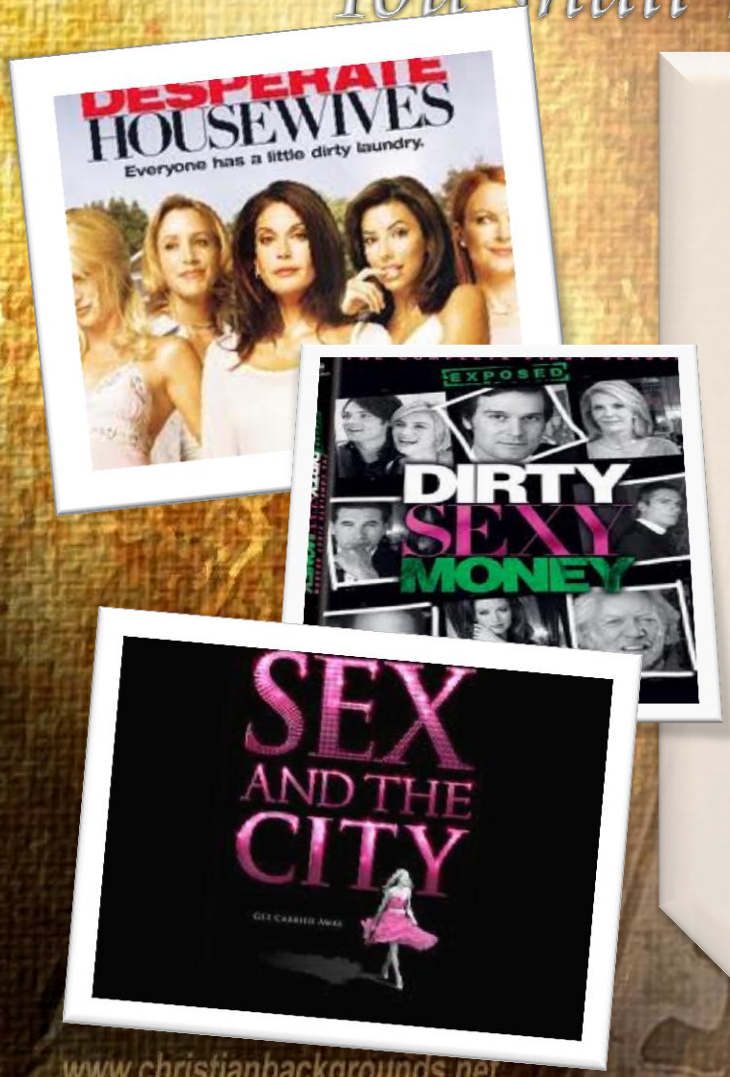

- We live in a world where adultery is glorified, popularized – and presented as normal and fun.
- Glorified in movies, soap operas, sitcoms, talk shows, books, magazines, internet materials, as well as music.
- Common in the workplace and social and recreational organizations

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Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

4 Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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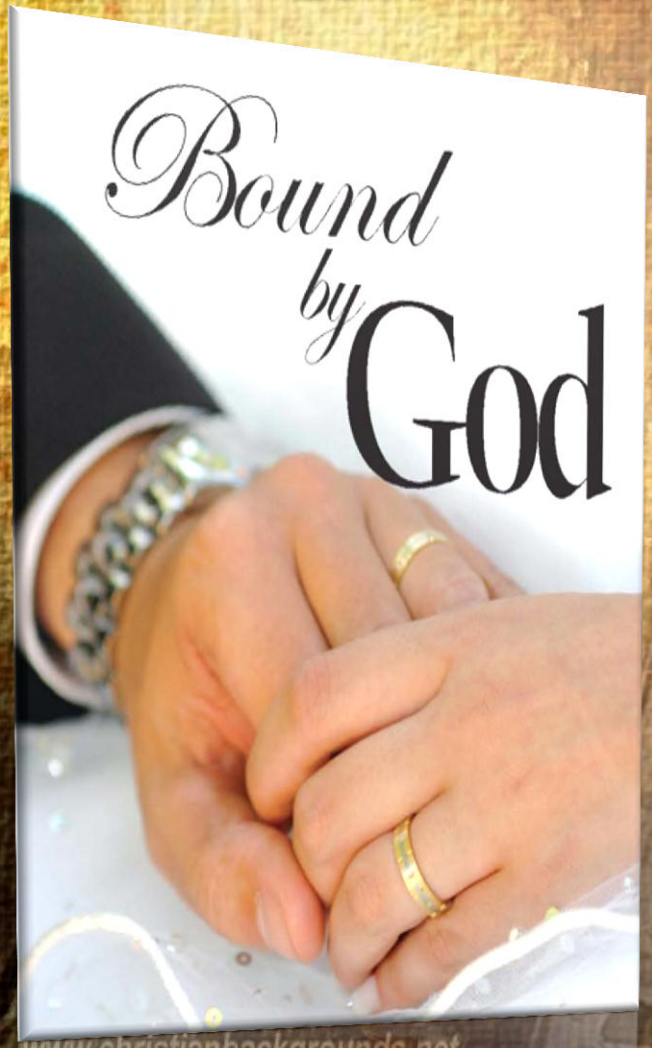

- **Adulterers are covenant breakers –**
- **Adultery is a heinous crime against God and man –**
- **Adultery destroys self, marriages, families, friendships and nations . . .**
- **We MUST do all we can to prevent adultery** – (Mat. 5:27-32; Prov. 5; 1 Cor. 6:18)

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"You shall not murder or commit adultery"

- **Both murder and adultery are acts of violence against others –**
- **Both are degrading and heinous crimes against God and man –**
- **Both are destructive to self, relationships and nations -**
- **Both can be repented of and forgiven –** (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

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"You shall not murder or commit adultery"

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Will you turn from your sin both in deed and thought and be joined to Christ?

Acts 2:38

1 Peter 3:21

Romans 13:14

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