

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 20, 1984

Are You an Adulterer?
Matthew 5:27-32
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1. The deed:

Men have lowered the standard of God to where they can attain to it, then they applaud themselves - self righteousness! **Exodus 20:14**, the 6th of the 10 commandments the penalty for breaking this law was death by stoning. This is God's judgment.

In the Old Testament the Law was given to govern a nation. The church is not a nation; it is a people called from every nation.

2. The desire:

Just committing the act is not the point, for God desires the heart. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul. The "look" that Jesus is speaking of is of a purpose to lust.

3. The decision:

The issue is the heart. Dismembering will not change the heart. Jesus is using his graphic illustration to show that you cannot continue to tolerate lust. Deal with it and deal with it decisively. **Romans 6:12, 13, 19**. The action Jesus is calling for is a total surrender of self to the Lord.

The action is a total yielding, to totally surrender.