

## THE SANCTITY OF MIND AND MARRIAGE

Matthew 5:27-31

The Religious Leaders focused on \_\_\_\_\_ obedience  
Jesus teaches His Disciples to focus on what's going on in the \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 27-28)

For Jesus' Disciples the standard isn't just \_\_\_\_\_ to another  
purity it extends to the exclusive \_\_\_\_\_ to another  
person in \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' Perspective: When a man looks at another woman  
lustfully in his heart he is \_\_\_\_\_ his wife and

\_\_\_\_\_ to another

*I made a covenant with my eyes*

*not to look with lust at a young woman. Job 31:1*

This also means: I am responsible for \_\_\_\_\_

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

To make His point Jesus uses hyperbole (vv.29-30)

Hyperbole - a figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for  
emphasis or effect (ThoughtCo.com)

*(Jesus) it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle,  
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Matthew 19:24*

*(Jesus) If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father  
and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and  
even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:26*

Jesus' Point:

As Disciples lust isn't something to be \_\_\_\_\_ off  
it's something to be cut off in the \_\_\_\_\_

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.  
James 4:7

(vv. 31-32)

*"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she  
finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency  
in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her  
hand and sends her out from his house, <sup>2</sup> and she leaves his house  
and goes and becomes another man's wife, Deuteronomy 24:1-4*

Indecency: *vah* - Nudity, shame, indecency, improper behavior  
(BD&G) Blemish (Strong's)

### God's View of and Purpose for Marriage

*(Jesus) "Haven't you read, ... "that at the beginning the Creator  
'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will  
leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will  
become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore  
what God has joined together, let man not separate."  
Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV)*

*... Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are  
his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So  
guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of  
your youth. 16 "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I  
hate a man's covering himself with violence... Malachi 2:14-16 (NIV)*

**Moses:** ...because he has found some indecency Deuteronomy 24:1

**Jesus:** ...but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife,  
except for the reason of unchastity, (*porneia*) makes her commit  
adultery (*moichao*) Matthew 5:32

He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts,  
permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was  
not so. Matthew 19:8

Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the  
sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to  
peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15

**Marriage is** \_\_\_\_\_

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me,  
let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.  
Luke 9:23