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**The Seventh Commandment:
Adultery**

EXODUS 20:14

“Every civilization is established, and consolidated by observing a strict moral code, is maintained while this strict code is kept, and decays when sexual licenses is followed. ... Any human society is free to choose either to display great energy or to enjoy sexual freedom; the evidence is that it cannot do both for more than one generation.”



J.D. UNWIN

“Adultery begins a breakdown of order that threatens the entire society, for how can we trust each other if we cannot trust each other in our most intimate commitments?

If we cannot maintain trust and fidelity within the small and inherently meaningful universe of marriage, how can we trust each other in commerce, in politics, in business, ...



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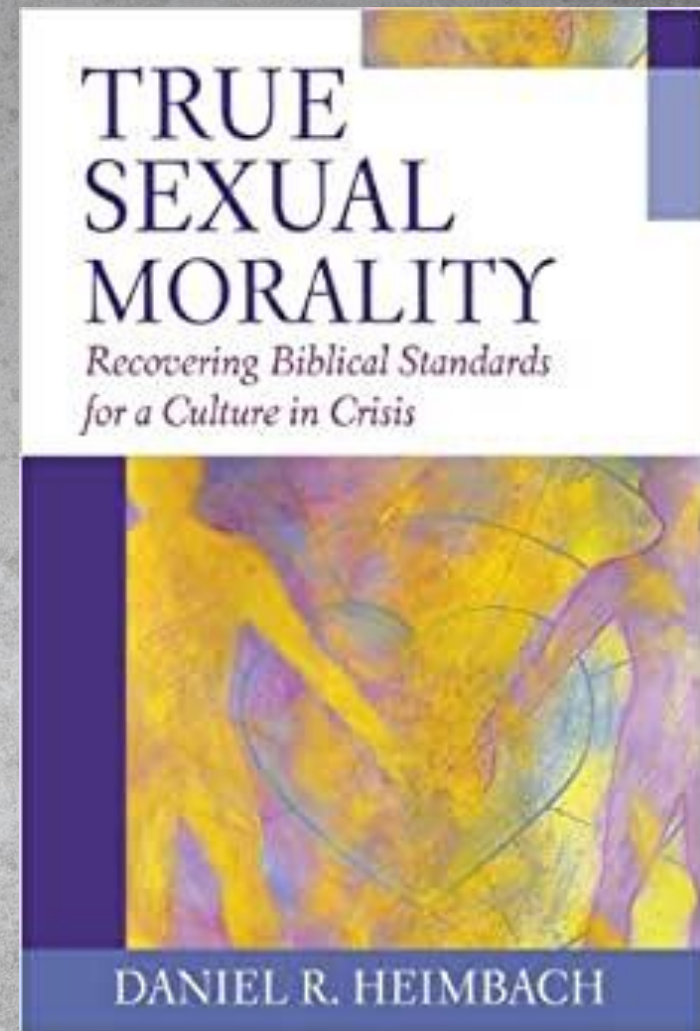
“... in culture, in life?...
A culture that embraces
adultery, accepts within
itself a poison pill for every
other relationship,
a toxic substance that
threatens every other
commitment. Adultery is
primal in its attack upon all
that is honorable and good
and true and faithful,
unraveling precious bonds
and commitments.”

(Words from the Fire)



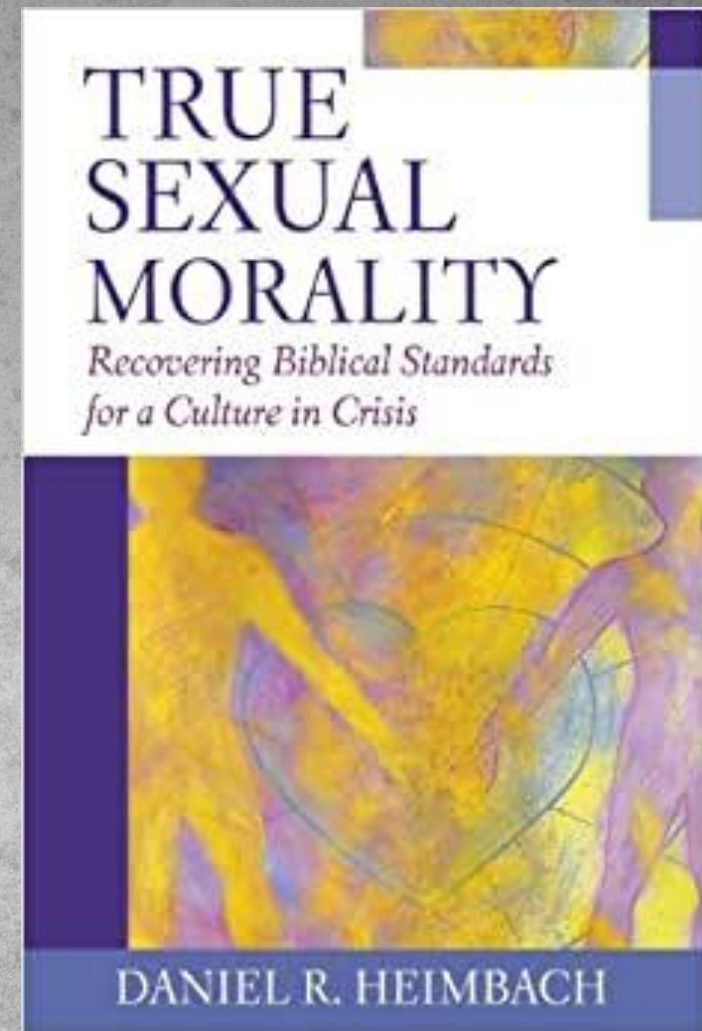
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“Scarcely a day passes without a front-page story of sex scandal, rape, abuse, kidnapping, or some other sordid event disgusting to some and titillating to others. We live in a time defined by its fascination with obscenity. Politicians stumble from office, athletes have promising careers “slam-dunked,...



**IN THE FOREWORD
FROM *TRUE SEXUAL***

“...religious denominations and churches are shaken to their foundations and see their credibility damaged for generations to come as a result of escapades of the clergy.”



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“Americans are facing a moral spiritual crisis as catastrophic as thermonuclear war, and of the challenges we face, none is more consequential or demanding than the moral conflict over sex. While this conflict does not use weapons of material mass destruction, it does use massively destructive moral ideas—ideas so...



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“... deadly they threaten the survival of our civilization. And yet because it concerns morality, not munitions, most evangelicals seem oblivious to how serious this crisis has become. Something must be done to better address what I now believe is the most serious spiritual-moral crisis to arise in the history of Christianity and Western culture.”
(True Sexual Morality)



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#1 - Lordship

#2 - Idolatry

#3 - Representation

#4 - Sabbath

#5 - Honor #6 - Murder #7 - Adultery

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#8 - Stealing #9 - Lying #10 - Coveting

DIVIDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. What is adultery?
2. How does one become an adulterer?
3. How can we break the Seventh Commandment?
4. What is God's view of sex within marriage?

FOUR QUESTIONS

- **When a spouse-male or female-breaks the covenant with their spouse and has sexual relations with someone who is not his/her mate.**
- **Adultery is unfaithfulness to a person in the most serious of human covenants - the marriage union.**

WHAT IS ADULTERY?

*"If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman.
So you shall purge the evil from Israel.*

DEUTERONOMY 22:22

- The sin of adultery is a claim of dissatisfaction in godly things. It is showing dissatisfaction in your spouse, in God's plan for marriage.

**WHY DOES GOD FORBID
ADULTERY?**

*He who commits adultery lacks sense;
he who does it destroys himself.*

PROVERBS 6:32

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- Embrace affectionately (II Samuel 11:4b)

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- Commandment #1 - David rejected God's Lordship and chose His own path.
- Commandment #2 - David worshipped the god of sexual perversion.
- Commandment #3 - David took God's name in vain by not wearing the holy name of God well on his kingly garments.
- Commandment #5 - David certainly didn't behave honorably towards his parents, Bathsheba's, or Uriah's parents.

**HOW MANY COMMANDMENTS DID
DAVID BREAK?**

- Commandment #6 - David murdered Uriah.
- Commandment #7 - David committed adultery.
- Commandment # 8 - David stole the purity that was within the marriage between Uriah and Bathsheba.
- Commandment #9 - David lied to others about his true intentions for Uriah when he put him on the front lines of battle.
- Commandment #10 - David coveted someone that God had not given to him.

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“This commandment applies to every form of unchastity, however it is called. Not only is the external act forbidden, but also every kind of cause, motive, and means. Your heart, your lips, and your whole body are to be chaste and to afford no occasion, aid, or encouragement to unchastity.”

(The Large Catechism)



MARTIN LUTHER

“The Seventh Commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor’s chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.”

**THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER
CATECHISM**

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- Homosexuality and lesbianism
(Leviticus 18:22; 20:13)
- Immodesty (I Peter 3:3-4)
- Pornography (Proverbs 6:25-27)

WAYS WE BREAK THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

1. Sex must be personal.

2. Sex must be exclusive.

3. Sex must be fruitful.

GOD'S VIEW OF SEX

“Biblical sexual morality is not just good, it is awe-inspiring in beauty, depth, complexity, and glory. It is perfectly delightful in every detail. God made it that way for our benefit, but it honors God as well. He is a benefactor who enjoys our enjoyment when we use his gift according to plan. ...



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“... As with everything God created, the more we understand the excellence of his design for sex the more we must worship in gratitude. And that means obeying. Who in his right mind would think otherwise? How can we thank God for a gift worth more than we possibly deserve? The only way is by accepting and following God’s directions.”
(True Sexual Morality)



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Psalm 130

Romans 8:1-2

I John 1:8-9

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