

# The Seventh Commandment – Part 2

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

We are going to continue with our study of the commandments. This is the second part of the 7th commandment.

## The 7th Commandment – Part 2

### The Forgiveness & Redemptive Power of Yehovah

In Part 1, we looked at the seventh commandment in its plain language along with specific instructions on specific situations of adultery to help us understand it, and we also looked at an example of what it looks like when we desire to live in our sin without receiving correction and repentance. We saw this in Jeremiah chapter 44 and it was a sad picture of an entire people of God whose hearts were so hardened by adultery that they refused to hear the prophet begging them to repent. They were cut off (famine, pestilence, sword, captivity).

This week in Part 2 we are going to look at some reactions of people in scripture who responded differently to correction, chastisement, and dire situations that did not remain that way. Get this though, and please get it well into your spirits: the sin and transgression was the SAME, but the RESPONSE to Yehovah was different. Thereby making EVERYTHING different. This is the key to restoration and is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### King David

How do we see King David today? We are told, taught, and believe he was a man after God's own heart. Does it get any better than this? Who among us would not love this title and legacy for ourselves, our children, and the world? He was the anointed King of Israel and mightily blessed by Yehovah. He was a picture of Messiah, a conquering King. Messiah is referred to as Moshiach ben David when He returns as the conquering King, Ruler, and Priest. Some of the Psalms written by David are the very Words Yeshua spoke when He walked among us. King David united the Kingdom of Israel. Scripture speaks of a "resurrection of the Booth of David" to come.

Now, considering all these wonderful attributes of David as expressed by Yehovah in His Word – let us now look at his life, and consider our commandment not to commit adultery.

## II Samuel 11

And it came to be at the turn of the year, at the time sovereigns go out to battle, that David sent Yo'ab and his servants with him, and all Yisra'el, and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah.

\*But David remained at Jerusalem

And it came to be, at evening time, that David rose up from his bed and walked about on the roof of the sovereign's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very good to look at.

And David sent and asked about the woman, and one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliyam, the wife of Uriyah the Hittite?"

And David sent messengers to fetch her. And she came to him, and he lay with her – for she was cleansing herself from her uncleanness – and she returned to her house.

This was blatantly and clearly the commission of adultery wasn't it? Yet we have all those facts we read about David in the paragraph from above. How do we reconcile these things? One word: repentance. A true sorrow, and then change. We should also recognize something else though, that is so very important and is very often missed in teaching and preaching in the churches and lives of believers. A prophet came to King David and showed him his wrong – II Samuel chapter 12, and when he heard the truth, he repented. However, the consequences of his sin remained.

Nathan said, Thus said Yehovah Elohim of Israel, 'I appointed you sovereign over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that were not enough, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the Word of Yehovah to do evil in His eyes? You have killed Uriyah the Hittite with the sword, and his wife you took to be your wife, and you have killed him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

David's response: "I have sinned against Yehovah." If you have been involved in sexual impurity (fornication, masturbation, pornography, incest, adultery) this is your deliverance exclamation; the same exclamation of King David.

Then what does Nathan say to David? "Also, Yehovah has put away your sin, you shall not die." Some might say, "well, God said this to David. David was special, He does not say that to me." If that were true, then we are saying our Father is a liar because by His Word and His Torah, He does not show partiality to the sinner. Repentance brings deliverance to any and all of mankind – and in the same fashion. He does not change.

But here is another principle that is so often missed that was referenced earlier: What we reap is what we sow. David was forgiven, but consequences still remain. Yehovah took David and

Bathsheba's child, David was not allowed to build the House for Yehovah, and David's house came to be a ruin because of His actions of adultery and murder. So many of us are taught and mistakenly believe that because we repent and are healed of our sins that we now get to escape consequences and we expect everything to be perfect. There is no support for this in Scripture. Yehovah is not to be used as an "escape from consequences card". He is to be feared, revered, obeyed, and treated as a Father whom we love and adore more than any and all consequences of our actions we experience in the temporal world we live in.

## Lot

Lot is a figure in Scripture that is hard to pin down isn't he? He is our father Abraham's nephew who came out of Haran with him and traveled and lived with Abraham for many years until they split and Lot chose "the beautiful and watered land of the plain" Over time, Lot moved closer and closer toward the cities: Sodom and Gomorrah. He eventually came to be a judge of the city and sat at the gates to judge. Isn't this interesting? He was a foreigner to the city, yet worked up to being a judge at the gate. This plus the entire event of the messengers who came to the city and saved Lot and his family from the complete destruction tell us something about Lot. Although he did not have the wisdom and strength to resist the city, he was considered wise enough to judge matters of state, wisdom he most certainly learned by being with Abraham and watching Abraham in his relationship with Yehovah. We also get ourselves into pickles being in the world but not of it, it would be safe to say. This is Lot. There is evidence Lot was keeping The Feast of Unleavened Bread when the messengers came to visit him to warn him. He was prepared to protect the messengers with the lives of his very own daughters as well. This depth of hospitality was most certainly learned through his time with Abraham. But we get to the event following the escape of his family to the scene in the cave with his daughters, and what happens next is a shocker to anyone reading the event for the first time – a commission of incest between Lot and his daughters. Scripture specifically tells us and makes plain to us, that Lot was unaware of what had happened with his daughters. Certainly his daughters plotted and planned and were responsible for the incident.

"So they made their father drink wine that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose." Genesis 19:33. The same thing happened with the second-born daughter the very next night. The testimony is that Lot was unknowing of these events. Out of these evil unions came the Moabites and the Ammonites – both enemies of Yehovah and Israel, but Yehovah gave them land as a possession in Deuteronomy 2:9,19. More consequences to breaking the instructions of Yehovah we see in the separation of these peoples from Israel. Yet Lot is considered one of the righteous ones of history in 2 Peter 2:7-10

... and rescued \*righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the indecent behavior of the lawless (for day after day that righteous man, dwelling among them, tortured his righteous being by seeing and hearing their lawless works), then YHWH knows how to rescue the reverent ones from trial and to keep the unrighteous unto the day of judgment, to be punished, and most of all those walking after the flesh in filthy lust and despising authority – bold, headstrong, speaking evil of esteemed ones. ...

Another event to reconcile between transgression, forgiveness, and restoration into the Kingdom. Brethren, we are going to discuss incest in Part 3 of this series on the seventh commandment. Consider, the sin of incest is against Yehovah. He can forgive, and does forgive. We are to be His Image in ALL respects; “Forgive as you have been forgiven.”

This event with Lot brings up another event that happens in history and that is the person of Ruth. Ruth was a Moabite, and we just read about how the descendants of Lot and his daughters were the Moabites and Ammonites. Plainly, these children were the product of incest.

“And they (the sons of Elimelek of Bethlehem) took wives of the women of Mo’ab, the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.”

Ruth 1:4

We know what the Torah states about illegitimate children and the children of incest as stated in Deuteronomy 23:2

“No one of illegitimate birth (a mamzer) does enter the assembly of YHWH, even a tenth generation of them does not ever enter the assembly of YHWH.”

And yet, here we have Ruth being brought in and being given a place in the lineage of Messiah with her marriage to Boaz, the Kinsmen Redeemer. Did you know that Boaz was the tenth generation from Abraham (therefore Lot) according to Matthew chapter 1? We never read of any sexual impurity of Ruth, but her existence came out of a history of sexual impurity and that is why she is being discussed in this article.

Ruth and Orpah both had the same opportunity to come into the family of Israel, but there was a difference in these two women. They both loved Naomi and felt a loyalty to her and were going to return with Naomi back to the land of Israel when all the men in the household had died – all their husbands. Naomi urged both her daughters-in-law to return to their homes in Moab and remarry, so that they could still have a good a fruitful life with their own homes and families. Orpah was finally convinced and she returned to her home in Moab. But Ruth, her decision and heart feelings were more than just loyalty to a person in her mother-in-law Naomi. Ruth was desiring a “lifestyle” that she had never experienced before in her homeland of Moab. It was the “lifestyle” that was witnessed to her through the family of Elimelek of Yehovah and the Torah.

And they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth \*clung to her (Naomi). And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and \*to her mighty ones. Go back, follow your sister-in-law.”

But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you, or to go back from following after you. For wherever you go, I go and wherever you stop over, I stop over. You people is my people, and your Elohim is my Elohim.” Ruth 1:14-16

Redemption and grafting in. All of the nations of all the world look at this event and this history and know that no matter where they come from or the circumstances of their birth... they too

can be redeemed and grafted into Israel. The method is the same – choose to follow Yehovah and His Ways. And all this started with an act of incest on the part of Lot and his daughter. There is nothing too far for Yehovah’s Arm and nothing too great for His Deliverance.

## **Rahab**

Our introduction to Rahab in scripture – “a whore”

Wow! This description to introduce her to us is fantastical isn’t it? Yehovah did not have to put that in there... but He did. Why do this for us to read? Perhaps to put on display His Mercy and Grace that cannot be measured by anything knowable to us?

And Joshua son of Nun secretly sent out two men from Shittim to spy saying, “Go, see the land, and Jericho.” And they went, and came to the house of a woman, a whore, and her name was Rahab, and they lay down there.

But it was reported to the sovereign of Jericho, saying, “See, men from the children of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” And the sovereign of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.”

But the woman had taken the two men and hid them. So she said, “The men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

“Then it came to be as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, so that you overtake them.”

But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid out on the roof.

And the men pursued them by the way to the Jordan, to the fords. And they shut the gate afterwards as soon as the pursuers had gone out. And before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof.

And she said to the men,

“I know that Yehovah has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of you.

“For we have heard how Yehovah dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you put under the ban.

And when we heard, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in anyone because of you, for Yehovah your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above and on earth beneath.

And now, please swear to me by Yehovah, since I have shown you kindness, that you also show kindness to my father’s house, and shall give me a true token, and shall spare my father,

and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and shall deliver our lives from death.”

Most of us know the rest of Rehab’s story. She played a critical role in aiding the Nation of Israel in their success and fulfillment. She ended up used of Yehovah in the genealogy of Messiah! Have you ever wondered, “were there other whores who refused to help the men?” We can safely assume there were other sexually impure people and women in that city, yet we know only of Rahab. Why? BECAUSE OF HER FAITH AND HER HEART. Same all the time with these larger than life real people in scripture. It is the heart – always.

She said, “for Yehovah your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above and on earth beneath.” Her statement of belief, if you will. Then, by imploring an oath to be made through His Great Name shows that she indeed believes His Strength, Might, and Ability to bind all things. That by Him, this binding is a “true token”

But notice also her heart. Everything she is doing is for others: her father, her mother, her brothers, and sisters, to deliver all of them. She had been in whoredom against her body, but her heart was pure in her love and reverence for her family. Because of THIS, Yehovah was able to use her and deliver her and her loved ones in a great and mighty way.

Whatever situations we find ourselves in, whether in secret or publicly known, never ever ever give up on yourselves or others. Continue reaching for Him, continue striving for a relationship and forgiveness every day, day in and day out. Do not let go. Remember Jacob and how he wrestled with God. We are not ruled by the flesh. It may seem like that at times in our lives, but we are spiritual beings. It is only over when we give up and give in to our flesh and assist the adversary in the murder of our spirit man. Don’t let that happen. Remain hopeful and stand on the promises that bring deliverance.

### **Woman “caught” in adultery and Yeshua**

This event that is recorded for us in Chapter 8 of the Gospel of John is very interesting. Many times this event is used inappropriately for teaching “not to judge” which does not seem to be the focus of the event at all. Consider the purpose of the record to be so much more than merely teaching, “therefore, Jesus taught that we don’t judge others because none of us are without sin.” Other passages in scripture clearly teach that we are to be judges in the assembly. Let’s look at the passages of the woman in John 8:

John chapter 8

And Yeshua went to the Mount of Olives. And at dawn He came again into the Set-apart Place, and all the people were coming to Him. And having sat down, He was teaching them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And having set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

“And in the Torah Mosheh commanded us that such should be stoned. What then do You say?”

And this they said, trying Him, so that they might accuse Him. But Yeshua, bending down, wrote on the ground with the finger, as though He did not hear.

But as they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to the, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

And bending down again, He wrote on the ground.

And when they heard it, being reproved by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older ones until the last. And Yeshua was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle.

And Yeshua, straightening up and seeing no one but the woman, said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Did no one condemn you?"

And she said, "No one, Master." And Yeshua said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

In this passage, most believers focus on wondering just what was it that Yeshua wrote in the sand. Still others use the passage to teach not to judge as was discussed earlier. I would like to focus on the woman, the adultery, the breaking of the commandment, and Yeshua's response. Here is the Elohim of the Universe with a person placed before Him BECAUSE of the accusation of adultery... having broken one of the ten commandments. But what was Yeshua's focus? I propose His focus was on proper government and proper court proceedings. You see, these men who brought her to Him knew they were supposed to have a court procedure, testimony of witnesses, and a decision prior to any condemnation and capital punishment. These men clearly did not do this. The Kingdom is established through proper government, and the Torah, although many see it as a religious document, is more a type of constitution than a religious document. The Torah is the rules of the Kingdom.

Have you ever considered the following?

When we stand (or kneel, or fall on our face before Him) and confess our sins to Him, we no longer have an accuser? What can the accuser accuse you of if you have confessed your sin? It is already out in the open to the King. There is no longer any power over you from the adversary. We stand before Him and say, "I am guilty." He looks upon us with Love and Mercy in His Eyes and says, "I know, but I want you to know you are, so that I can deliver you from it and we can have a relationship." We give the adversary power when we keep things secret, hidden, covered up. We allow ourselves to remain in bondage when we do this. Yehovah's court is not like our court system.

There is a scene in Zechariah of a courtroom with YHWH as Judge, having Yehoshua the high priest brought to stand before Him. This vision was brought to Zechariah while Judah was still in captivity in Babylon.

Zechariah Chapter 3.

And he showed me Yehoshua the high priest standing before the messenger of YHWH, and Satan standing at his right hand to be an adversary to him.

And YHWH said to Satan, “YHWH rebuke you, Satan! YHWH who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?”

And Yehoshua was dressed in filthy garments, and was standing before the messenger. And He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your guilt from you, and shall put costly robes on you.”

And I (Zechariah) said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” Then they put a clean turban on his head, and they put garments on him. And the messenger of YHWH stood by.

His court is just, righteous, and true. His Torah will be followed to perfection by Him for it is His Word. When we confess our transgression to Him, we are freed. In an earthly court, which is worse: a defendant who is truly guilty of a crime or a Judge who allows the court proceedings to run amuck and allows the prosecuting team to run roughshod over the lowly? In capital death cases, this becomes all the more crucial – for a life is at stake. Our Judge is just and there is no fear of cheating, scandal, falsehood, or foul play. We already know the proceedings: confess, repent, and be forgiven.

The reason this time has been spent going over the lives of these heroes in our history, is to show you over and over the forgiveness and redemptive power of our Elohim. He proves His Word and Faithfulness to use through the lives of these people. He shows us His Heart, Character, and Everlasting Kindness. Each situation with them is just a little different to show us there is nothing that cannot be overcome in each of our lives. Redemption, peace, rest, and healing awaits all who turn to Him and confess.

The next small segment is for families with children. The transgressions of sexual impurity are so devastating to our walk with Him, our own lives, families, and society that it seems remiss not to present some ideas on guarding, preventing, and instruction to the small children. In fact, Scripture tells us this instruction of His Word, His Torah should start when they are young and never stop each day until they leave our care as an adult and have their own families and lives.

Lev 10:11

And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Deut. 6:7

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut 11:19

And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.



Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

After we have provided the basic needs for our children when they are babes, such as changing diapers, feeding, clothing, teaching them to sit up and walk and they begin to be able to understand our speech and show signs of the ability to reason and comprehend we should begin teaching them concepts of wisdom. Here are some ideas for parents to accomplish teaching the children about adultery way before they are ever faced with it and are held accountable.

Teaching them about the sanctity of their physical bodies.

As you bath them at night before bedtime, discuss their bodies with them and ask them, "Who does your body belong to?" Who created you? In their innocence, they may answer "You and Daddy (Momma). They see things in a physical and factual way. This way of seeing is true, however it opens an opportunity to discuss deeper things. How it is that Yehovah created them and He knew them before they were born. You can point to their hair, their eyes, their feet, their hands and say, "who created these, and who do they belong to?" Then, when you no longer have to bathe them, but now are putting them to their very own big bed and kissing them goodnight, continue the tradition..."Now, who does this belong to?" And you could make this a tradition throughout their young life, into the pre-teen, teenage years, until they leave your home as an adult. Plant the seed of truth and wisdom into their being about their bodies and how precious they are. By the time they are in teenage years this seed will have become a plant that bears the fruit of remembrance to them in certain trying times with others of their same age and opposite sex.

We teach them how to protect their "things" from theft of others, like their toys, books, iPads and the like – but we neglect teaching them of their own body. This should not be so. Their bodies are infinitely more precious than any item they otherwise possess! Let us demonstrate that to them.

Teaching the children while they are young to prevent lack of self-control and habits of adultery. Making the leap from always getting what they want in material possessions to always obtaining that which their eyes lust after (one another) is not very big. They are the same weakness. Material things. It is, or must be, a natural characteristic of Man to desire "things" – we see it continually with children. Saying "no" to them constantly and thinking we are disciplining them are not the same thing. All they are learning from you saying "no" is that you do not want them to have something. They are not exercising their own thought process and making decisions out of their own reasoning. If we are always "disciplining" them, and telling them "no, you cannot have that," or "you don't need that" are we really teaching them SELF discipline or are we teaching them OUR discipline? There is a huge difference. Self-discipline and self-control are so very important when it comes to sexual purity and wise decisions. Yet, most of us find ourselves just saying no all the time to our children's constant wants and beggings. What would it look like, to take the time to discuss the results of constant sowing of obtaining material things and getting everything their eyes desire? Teaching them

about money is one way, but even this is not a “heart and spiritual issue” Figure out a way to have them spiritually discern the consequences of always getting what they want. Let them come up with the answer.... So that it is a SELF – discipline matter... of the body and soul. The result of always obtaining that which their eyes desire to have. The habits of always getting what they want in the small things set our children up for adultery when they are older.

Teach them about the natural law of garbage in, garbage out. Have them imagine a house where the owner of the house allowed all the people of the town to use his house as a dumping ground for trash. The owner of this house never locked his front door, back door, windows, or garage. The people could come by and dump whatever they wanted to in to his house and he never stopped them or said anything about it. One day he got tired of the smell and the appearance and thought that it was time to stop this and he tried to lock the doors and windows. But he realized there was so much trash, it was overflowing and none of the doors would shut because of all the trash. In fact, it was so trashy that sometimes he just wanted to give up and let the trash keep coming, but he knew he had to get it all cleaned up for he had nowhere else to live. It was his one and only home!

See what your child thinks of this story. Ask them questions about this story. What could the man have done differently? What would have prevented all of the happening to him? Embellish the story any way you like. Now... after talking about all this... tell your child that the man is them. Let that sink in. Tell them that that house, is their body. Let that sink in. The windows and doors are their eyes and ears. You get the picture.

Role Play with the kids. Dads, pretend you are a young man with your daughters and courting her. Moms can do this with sons also, or Dads can do this with sons. You as the parents have already been through all these things and you are well experienced with the words, conversations, and pressures of the opposite sexes. You can literally give them a practiced script that can be recalled and called upon in a moment of temptation or just a situation that comes upon them by surprise. Literally show them how to handle situations. If you leave it up to them, you are playing with fire and their lives.

Have a code word. You can create a way to provide a way “out” for your child if they suddenly find themselves in a scary situation. This codeword can be used during a phone call home and save them embarrassment in front of the other party. A codeword can be spoken and then you as the parent will know that your child is in trouble and can think of some “family emergency” or some excuse to get them out of the situation. The child can know, that at a moment’s notice in a bad situation, they can excuse themselves to make a phone call home to ensure their parent that all is well and they will be home soon. When they excuse themselves from the presence of the other person to do this, the codeword is used and the deliverance can be made for them. The child MUST have a way out, a preplanned way out, of difficult situations. The parents must provide for it, as the parent. Children are not good captains of their own ships. They are not wise enough or experienced enough to take on these challenges without you.

How to say no. In the military, there is a standing and unwavering instruction concerning following orders. From the lowest member of Airman to the highest ranking General... if that General gives an order to that Airman that is immoral, unlawful, or illegal... the order is not to be followed and should not be followed. This concept is good and appropriate for all organizations and all aspects of life. What would be wrong about implementing it into your family unit? This also gives the children power with adults outside the home, but power with boundaries. Too many "believing" homes send the children out with the instruction of always respecting and obeying their elders and others without a balance of also giving them power to say no to those things that happen that are wrong. The children are left feeling powerless and get into trouble many times because of them. This issue of how and when to say no or disregard an instruction from an elder is a very important discussion to have and have more than once.

Please catch Part 3 of the seventh commandment. Especially if you have deep hurts concerning sexual impurity or have been on the receiving end of someone else's lack of self-control in these sexual ways. Part 3 will be all about healing.