

7th Commandment: Adultery

Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

What is Adultery?

This is the full-blown sexual relationship of a married person with someone else besides his/her spouse.

This is a broader topic than just sex, but for this lesson, we are studying this form of it.

What do you think the difference is between an attraction and lust?

Since we are studying lust in Adultery's grandest scale, the answer is probably literally to act on it with actual seduction and a lot of times literal sex.

We are going to see a clip from The Simpsons episode **Life In The Fast Lane**.

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What do you see in this clip?

We see a French man named Jacques, who seduces Marge and she doesn't fight him off in this clip. Jacques is an adulterer and is not even trying to hide his intentions. Marge is in big trouble here and has to make a choice. At this point however, its a bad decision.

This is definitely a very creepy, but very attractive man and this guy will take full advantage of that attraction. For the sake of this Bible Study, we are leaving this episode, but will talk about it shortly after the scriptures and next clip.

This clip sets the stage for our actual Bible Study found in II Samuel 11 (ISV)

2Sa 11:1 One spring day, during the time of year

when kings go off to war, David sent out Joab, along with his personal staff and all of Israel's army. They utterly destroyed the Ammonites and then attacked Rabbah while David remained in Jerusalem.

2Sa 11:2 Late one afternoon about dusk, David got up from his couch and was walking around on the roof of the royal palace. From there he watched a woman taking a bath, and she was very beautiful to look at.

2Sa 11:3 David sent word to inquire about her, and someone told him, "This is Eliam's daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, isn't it?"

2Sa 11:4 So David sent some messengers, took her from her home, and she went to him, and he had sex with her. (She had been consecrating herself following her menstrual separation.) Then she returned to her home.

2Sa 11:5 The woman conceived, and she sent this message to David: "I'm pregnant."

2Sa 11:6 So David summoned Joab, and told him, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David.

2Sa 11:7 When Uriah arrived, David inquired about how Joab was doing, how the army was doing, and how the war was progressing.

2Sa 11:8 Then David told Uriah, "Go on down to your house and relax a while." So Uriah left the king's palace, and the king sent a gift along after him.

2Sa 11:9 But Uriah spent the night sleeping in the alcove of the king's palace in the company of all his master's staff members. He refused to go down to his own home.

2Sa 11:10 When David was told that Uriah hadn't gone home the previous night, he quizzed him, "You just arrived from a long journey, so why didn't you go down to your own house?"

2Sa 11:11 Uriah replied, "The ark, along with Israel and Judah, are encamped in tents, while my commanding officer Joab and my master's staff members are camping out in the open fields.

Should I go home, eat, drink, and have sex with my wife? Not on your life! I won't do something like this, will I?"

2Sa 11:12 Then David invited Uriah, "Stay here

today, and tomorrow I'll send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem all that day and the next.

2Sa 11:13 Then at David's invitation, he and Uriah dined and drank wine together, and David got him drunk. Later that evening, Uriah went out to lie on a couch in the company of his lord's servants, and he did not go down to his house.

2Sa 11:14 The next morning, David sent a message to Joab that Uriah took with him in his hand.

2Sa 11:15 In the message, he wrote: "Assign Uriah to the most difficult fighting at the battle front, and then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and killed."

2Sa 11:16 So as Joab began to attack the city, he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew valiant men would be stationed

2Sa 11:17 When the men of the city came out to fight Joab, some of David's army staff members fell, and Uriah the Hittite died, too.

2Sa 11:18 Then Joab sent word to David about everything that had happened at the battle.

2Sa 11:19 He instructed the courier, "When you have finished conveying all the news about the

battle to the king,

2Sa 11:20 if the king starts to get angry and asks you, 'Why did you get so near the city to fight? Didn't you know they would shoot from the wall?

2Sa 11:21 Who killed Jerubbesheth's son Abimelech? Didn't a woman kill him by throwing an upper millstone on him from the wall at Thebez? Why did you go so close to the wall?' then tell him, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite also died.'"

2Sa 11:22 So the messenger left Joab, set out for Jerusalem, and disclosed to David everything that Joab had sent him to say.

2Sa 11:23 The messenger told David, "The men surprised us and attacked us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the city gate.

2Sa 11:24 Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's staff members are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite has died as well."

2Sa 11:25 David responded to the messenger, "Here's what you're to tell Joab: 'Don't be troubled by this incident, because the battle sword consumes one or another from time to time. Consolidate your

attack against the city and conquer it.' Be sure to encourage him."

2Sa 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard about the death of her husband Uriah, she went into mourning for the head of her household.

2Sa 11:27 When her mourning period was completed, David sent for her, brought her to his palace, and she became his wife. Later on, she bore him a son. Meanwhile, what David had done grieved the LORD,

King David is like Jacques, and succeeds in seducing Bathsheba. Bathsheba is not like Marge though, because as we will see there is a huge contrast in how faithful Marge is compared to her.

The consequences of King David's sin of Adultery are found in chapters 12 and 13.

David lost his youngest son and his wives would be allowed to be violated sexually (I guess to make David understand how it feels to be betrayed).

I do want to show an interesting thing about this

Adultery.

Look at this very short clip from The Simpsons episode **Homer Vs. Patty And Selma**.

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What do you see in the clip?

Homer loves Marge so much and desires her so much that he would kill and asks permission to do so (asking Marge to ask him).

I wonder if David had this conversation with Bathsheba, if so, then this clip would be what it would look like. It looks to me that Bathsheba didn't fight very well to stay faithful to Uriah and had sex willingly and wholeheartedly with the king.

Bathsheba may have been part of the conspiracy, after all this is King David—who wouldn't want to

be of sorts, a queen!?

Not shown in the first clip (**Life In The Fast Lane**) is the fact that Marge makes the right decision and is ultimately faithful to Homer, even though her husband is very flawed. Here is the clip of Marge being faithful that we are talking about. We will now see the last section of The Simpsons episode **Life In The Fast Lane**.

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The conviction of God is prominent here. Marge sees all of the “coincidental” signs of what she should and shouldn't do. A lot of times, this is how God works to show us who we are supposed to be.

Marriages will have their tests and the possibility of the “love triangle” is a lot of times one of them.

We need to remember Marge's example. Husbands need to be faithful and true to their wives and

Wives the same for the husband. This is so that whoever God puts together will always be a team in spirit and life.