

November 8, 2020

Matthew 5:27-32

**Matthew: Following the King of Kings**  
***"Lustful Intent"***

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. LUSTFUL INTENT**

**2. A SERIOUS MATTER**

**3. ADULTERY AND DIVORCE**

## Questions for personal meditation and study

1. See Matthew 5:17-18. What does it mean that Jesus came to “fulfill” the law? How do you see Jesus doing that with the sixth and seventh commandments?
2. What’s wrong with creating “laws and loopholes?”
3. Read Matthew 5:27-28. What is “lustful intent” (ESV) and is it different than being attracted to a person who is beautiful to us? When does lust become adultery? Consider Job 31:1,7,9
4. Why did God call Israel’s idolatry lust and adultery? See Jeremiah 3:2 and Ezekiel 6:9; 16:15-17. What does that say about putting other things and people ahead of God in our lives?
5. Read Ephesians 5:21-32. How is marriage an image of Christ’s relationship with His church? What responsibilities does that mean for us?
6. What is hyperbole and how is it used in chapter 5? Does Jesus expect us to gouge out our eyes and cut off our hands? Then does He consider a woman in Jesus’ time remarrying because she has no other options “adultery?” Why or why not?
7. What is God’s design for marriage as seen in Matthew 19:3-12?
8. What about people who do divorce and remarry? What is God’s attitude toward them?