

THE DEATH OF UNINHIBITED SEXUAL DESIRE

Matthew 5:27-30 // April 16, 2023 PM

I. Sexual infidelity begins in the heart (vv. 27-28).

II. Sexual infidelity ends in hell (vv. 29-30).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What messages does our culture give about sex and sexuality? How do they differ from Jesus's message?
2. Which commandment is Jesus preaching here? What is adultery? What does it fundamentally violate?
3. How had the religious leaders turned the seventh commandment into mere externals? What is the heart of the command?
4. If we live and desire however we want sexually, will it make us truly happy? Where does Jesus say such a lifestyle will lead us?
5. What does Jesus mean when he tells us to gouge out our eye or cut off our hand? How do these symbolic pictures apply in our practical fight against sexual sin and all sin?
6. Are all restrictions bad? How are the restrictions in God's law, and in particular in the seventh commandment, for our life and wellbeing?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How is unrestricted sexuality the death of marriage? And how is the death of marriage the death of the human race?
2. Am I taking decisive and drastic action through Christ to war against sexual temptation and sin?
3. Out of the five concluding calls of the sermon—cry, contemplate, confess, cut, and cling—which do I most need to grow in? How could I begin doing that this week?