

# Notes for Matthew 5:27-32

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

“I think, therefore I am.” - French philosopher René Descartes

Revelation 9:11 - *They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.*

Exodus 20:14 - You shall not commit adultery.

Jesus is telling us that what we think shows us who we really are. *I think... sin, therefore, I am... a sinner.*

Epithymía (*ep-ee-thoo-mee-ah*) Greek means desire, lust, passion. We can desire/be passionate for God, wisdom or righteousness.

Luke 22:15 - *And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*

Psalms 73:25 - *Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

James 1:14-15 - *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

We can be married and never inappropriately touch another person and still be betraying our spouse - and God - in our mind.

There is probably no other desire of the flesh that is as difficult to control than sexual desire. It was true thousands of years ago and it is just as true today. King David was not immune to it – as we see in 2 Samuel 11:2-4 – and neither are we.

Job 31:1 - *I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?*

Hebrews 13:4 - *let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

Joshua 7:21 - *when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.*

Genesis 39:10-12 - *And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her. 11 But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, 12 she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.*

We are called to be Peacemakers. There is an exception to that rule. We are not to make peace with sin. Ever. We are to fight sin as if it is life and death. Because it is. It won't be immediate victory. It will be a long and protracted war. We will lose some battles, but we must never stop fighting it and never, ever surrender to it.

Numbers 25:1-5 - *While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. 2 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. 4 And the Lord said to Moses, “Take all the chiefs of the people and hang[a] them in the sun before the Lord, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel.” 5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor.*

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 - *When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, 2 and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, 4 then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife,*

Malachi 2:13-16 - *And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. 14 But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. 15 Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. 16 “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”*

It is Marxist influence within society today that attacks God given rights and morality. Nearly every modern progressive movement has deep historical and theoretical roots in Marxist and communist philosophy. Particularly those focused on identity politics.

LGTPQ, DEI, Critical Race Theory, modern feminism, BLM, ANTIFA are all Marxist and have roots going back decades. Marxism has been the prime supporter of the anti-patriarch (anti-man), anti-family and sexual liberation movements.

Marxism is fundamentally atheistic which means fundamentally anti-Christian.

Matthew 19:3-9 - *And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” 4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” 7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” 8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery*

What is sexual immorality? This does not just mean “sleeping” with someone, but includes a whole range of acts. Pornography is one so called “harmless” sin. In the last decade, pornography use is associated with a significant increase in the probability of divorce. Studies indicate when one partner uses porn, it nearly doubles the likelihood of divorce.

