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The Seventh Commandment: “You shall not commit adultery” refers to all types of sexual sins.

One of the main reasons why I have spent so much time on the influence of sexual sins over the life of the believer is to answer a vital question: Is the Phallic cult, a religion condoning and tempting the believer with sexual sins, is it still around today?

To understand more about this we need to answer a few more questions about the Phallic Cult. First of all, let me define the word cult for you from “Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary, Second Edition” - says that a cult means devoted attachment to, or extravagant admiration for, a person, principle, or thing etc.

Notice that a cult is described as devoted attachment to, or extravagant admiration for, a person, principle, or thing etc. This is why the apostle Paul said what he did to the Corinthians in **1CO 2:1-7, And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in**

much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

Notice in verse 5 that your faith should not rest in human viewpoint which is what cults fall under but your faith should be in God's power, the power of God. Therefore, as you can see, a cult is not necessarily devotion to a “god” as such, but it can also be devotion to an idea, especially one set up by the “god” of this world, Satan himself.

Satan knows the human race better than we do, and he knows that one of the most basic needs in the human race is the need to be loved, appreciated and wanted. Is there anyone listening to my voice who doesn't want to be loved, appreciated and wanted?

We all do?

Unfortunately, here is where the kingdom of darkness has done its best to deceive thousands of Christians. And one of the main reasons why the Phallic Cult is still around today, although it is not titled the Phallic Cult, is because most individuals do not understand the difference between natural desires and lusts. And there is one of the

statements I have been looking forward to teaching ever since I began this series. One of the main reasons why the Phallic Cult is still around today is because most individuals do not understand the difference between natural desires and lusts.

For example, again this seems to be one of our main passages that God the Holy Spirit has been leading us to keep on quoting or teaching; In **Eph 4:17-22, This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,**

Notice that phrase, “the lusts of deceit.” Paul is actually telling us about the influences that are impelling and driving and urging the old self in us toward destruction. And, he calls these influences “lusts.”

Lust is the Greek noun *epithumia*, the word itself actually means to have a strong or an overpowering desire. Now, you remember that our Lord said just before His death in **Luk 22:15.**

Look at the passage LUK 22:14-16, And when the hour had come He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

In verse 15, the word for “earnestly desired” is the same word that is used elsewhere for lust - *epithumia*. It means a driving desire, whether good or bad. Let me give you some passages to prove what I mean;

Look at the Gospel of Matthew in Mat 5:28 But I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust [*epithumia*] for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Or in MAT 13:17, “For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired [*epithumia*] to see what you see, and did not see it; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

1Co 10:6, Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not lust [*epithumia*] for evil things, as they also lusted [*epithumia*].

1Ti 3:1, It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to [*epithumia*] the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

Jam 4:2, You lust [*epithumia*] and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

Please notice that in all these passages epithumia can mean lust or desire depending on not “*what*” it is directed towards but “*how*” it is directed toward those things.

And I am going to prove to you “how” the kingdom of darkness with its tremendous organized plan appeals to the needs of people to get them away from the PPOG for their life!

When we think of lust I don't think that we think of it as it is defined in the dictionary. It is true that lust can mean lasciviousness or an illicit, uncontrolled, overwhelming desire which originates from the old sin nature. However, the dictionary defines lust also as a pleasure or delight. It can also mean an intense longing or craving for something.

Lust by now has come to mean something almost entirely and exclusively bad, and there is a good reason for it. And that is that the overmastering and overpowering desires of most people are evil.

However, there is a difference between the *legitimate desires* and the needs that a person has and the different lusts that are destroying many individuals inwardly.

For example, all of us have natural instincts! And one of the main reasons why Paul said that involvement in these different forms of sexual sins was a form of worship toward idols or demons is simply because Satan knows the human race better than we do. And, in our society today, sex has become an idol.

The idolatry refers to two basic meanings;

1. The worship of a physical object or objects as God.
2. Inordinate attachment or extreme devotion to something.

The second meaning of course would be more applicable in our day and age. An idol is actually defined as an object of extreme devotion, hence, it could be almost anything in a person's life, here in our subject it is a reference to sex.

So, there is a difference between the legitimate desires and needs that a person has and the different lusts that are destroying many individuals inwardly.