

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You love Your Church and gave Yourself for it. Give me Your Holy Spirit that I also may hold marriage in the highest regard. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Memory

1. "Do not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14).
2. "You husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

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Sixth Commandment *Abram and Sarai in Egypt*



God says to you in the sixth commandment,
"Do not commit adultery"
(Exodus 20:14).

THIS MEANS you must serve, honor, and cherish your spouse and respect marriages.

Bible Reading: Genesis 12:10-20

Questions and Answers

For Understanding This Bible Story

1. Why did Abram need to move to Egypt? What made him feel afraid about moving there?

Abram moved to Egypt because “There was a famine in the land.” A famine means that there is very little food, probably because of too little rain. Abram went to Egypt for food.

However, Abram also feared for his safety. He thought that the Egyptians would kill him and take his wife, Sarai, away from him.

2. God say to you in His Bible, “You husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). According to these Words, in what way did Abram sin against his wife Sarai?

Abram was more concerned with his own safety than protecting his wife, Sarai, and their marriage. Abram told Sarai to lie and say that she was Abram’s sister. This lie put Sarai in danger. Abram did not serve and honor his wife. He loved himself more than Sarai.

3. God says to you in His Bible, “A man shall leave his father and mother and live with his wife, and the two will be one flesh. And so they are no more two but one flesh. Now, what God has joined together man must not separate” (Matthew 19:5-6).

a. According to these Words, what great sin was Pharaoh nearly guilty of committing? What did God do to prevent Pharaoh from sinning in this way?

Pharaoh was about to take Sarai to be his own wife, because he did not know that Sarai was already Abram’s wife. Pharaoh would have broken the sixth commandment by coming between Abram and

Sarai. In order to protect their marriage, God sent “great diseases on Pharaoh and his household on account of Sarai, Abram’s wife.” These diseases made Pharaoh change his mind. Pharaoh sent Abram and Sarai away safely.

b. What does this Bible story teach you about the way every person should treat marriage even today? What does this mean for people who are not yet married?

Even those not yet married should honor marriage with their thoughts and actions. Men and women alike, whether they are married or unmarried, should do everything they can to preserve and protect marriage among us. God says to you in His Bible, “Everybody should think highly of marriage and keep married life pure, because God will judge those who sin sexually whether single or married” (Hebrews 13:4). This means that no one should ever act like Pharaoh acted when he almost came between Abram and Sarai.

4. Return to the Bible verse written in question #2. What do these words say about the great love Jesus has for you?

Your Lord Jesus loved you perfectly by giving himself unto death for you. He suffered all for you, even when you sin and break one of his commandments. As sure as Jesus rose from the dead and lives, you too have life in Jesus. As part of God’s Church, you now have God’s Promise that Jesus will remain true to you. He “will never leave you or desert you” (Hebrews 13:5).