

Why do we have to pray as David...

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
²Wash away all my iniquity and **cleanse me from my sin.***

How does Jesus bring forgiveness for my sins of adultery?

Lord, _____!

- *1 Corinthians 10:12-13 "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, **he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.***

The _____ Empowers me to _____

What temptations do I need to run from?

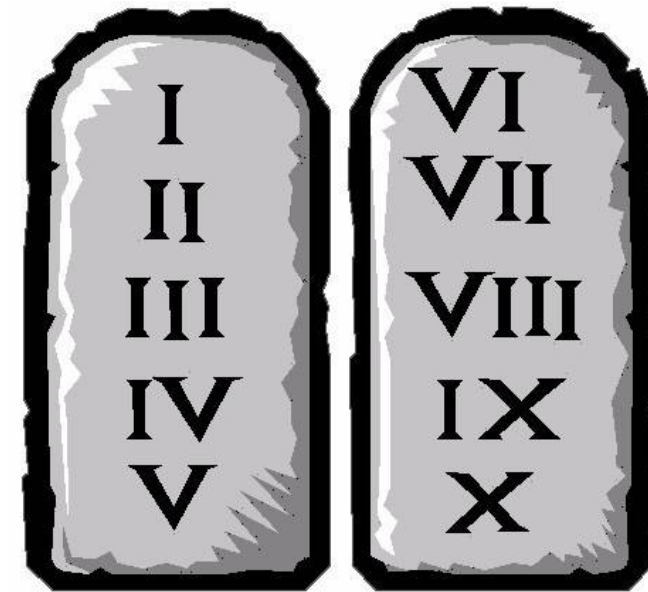
- *1 Corinthians 6:18 "**Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.*

The _____ Empowers me to _____

- *1 Corinthians 6:19 **Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.***

How can I honor God with my body and/or my marriage?

God's Top Ten: #6



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**GOD'S TOP TEN:
KEEP THE MARRIAGE BED PURE!**

Good morning!

All around us images of relationships portray an ungodly approach to sex and marriage. These gifts were given in a perfect world and have been corrupted by sin. Our learning today will help get back to God's loving intention in giving these gifts to the human race. May we be blessed as we worship him today!

Opening Hymn..... "We Will Glorify"
Tree of Life Song Book

Verse 1
We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

Verse 2
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before his throne.
We will worship him in righteousness;
We will worship him alone.

Verse 3
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to him we give.

Verse 4
Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

**MESSAGE NOTES
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**"God's Top Ten: #6
Lord, Keep Me Pure!"**

The sixth commandment protects God's gift of marriage and sex. How do we know both of these things are a gift from God?

REVIEW the account of David & Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11 & 12

Lord, _____!

What put David in a position to be tempted?

In what ways does Satan tempt us when we are idle or where we shouldn't be?

Why are these type of activities not just "innocent fun"?

- Matthew 15:18-20 *But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'*¹⁹ *For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*²⁰ *These are what make a man 'unclean'."*
- 1 Corinthians 6:9 *Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

Welcome to Tree of Life!

The members of Tree of Life extend to you a hearty welcome! We are a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS: www.wels.net).

As congregation of this synod we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people.

We don't claim to be the only saving church, but we do strive to preserve and pass on the truth as it's found in the Bible. We at Tree of Life believe and teach that...

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, with no mistakes and no errors, his unchanging message to all people of all times: **"Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)**
2. God created people holy and without sin, but by their own choice they disobeyed God and brought sin upon the whole human race: **"Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)**
3. The final result of sin is not only the end of our earthly life, but eternal death and separation from God in the agony of hell: **"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)**
4. The main and central message of the Bible is the gospel - the good news that: **"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but has eternal life." (John 3:16)**
5. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life in the place of every human being, and Jesus suffered the punishment of hell for the whole human race when he died on the cross: **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)**
6. God the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens saving faith in Jesus Christ through the message about him in the Bible, in Baptism, and in the Lord's Supper: **"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the words of Christ." (Romans 10:17)**
7. Christians do good works, not in order to earn a place in heaven, but out of love and thanks to God who has already given them eternal life as a free gift through Jesus: **"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." (Psalm 119:32)**
8. Christians will want to gather together regularly around the Word of God for the strengthening of their own trust in Jesus and for encouraging each other in the faith: **"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the (final) Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)**
9. Christians want to carry out the Lord's great commission to spread the good news about Jesus to others: **"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)**
10. When the Lord returns in judgment on the last day, he will raise all the dead and give the full glory of everlasting life in heaven to all who trusted in him as Savior: **"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)**

We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Hear, O people of God, the LORD your God, the LORD is one. He has given his commands to his people for them to know, understand and follow. As we look at the commandments he gave, we realize we have not been perfect as he is perfect. We recognize that he is a jealous God and has every right to punish those that break his law. With humble hearts, we confess our sins against his commands and plead for his mercy.

C: (sing) "The Ten Commandments Are The Law"
Verse 1 *Christian Worship Hymn 285*

The Ten Commandments are the law
Which Israel heard in holy awe.
In smoke and fire from Sinai

The voice of God shook the sky. Have mercy, Lord!

C: Dear LORD, our God, we confess that we have not always led a pure and decent life in words and in actions. We have not loved one another the way that we should, nor have we honored your special gifts of marriage and sex the way you would have us honor them. We have not guarded our eyes and our minds against the things we should. For these, and for all our sins we do not deserve to be called your children. But trusting in Jesus, who kept your commands perfectly in our place, we pray: Have mercy, Lord!

C: (sing) "The Ten Commandments Are The Law"
Verses 7, 11 & 12 *Christian Worship Hymn 285*

"Be faithful to your marriage vow;
No lust or impure thoughts allow,
But keep your body free from sin
With self-control, discipline." Have mercy, Lord!

God gave these laws to show therein,
O child of man, your life of sin,
And help you rightly to perceive
How unto God you should live. Have mercy, Lord!

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Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we fly,
Our mediator on high. Have mercy, Lord!

M: Not only does the Lord threaten to punish those that disobey his commands, he also promises to show love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy. For the sake of Jesus, who obeyed every law of God perfectly in our place, God forgives our sins and does not count our sin against us. As Moses had the privilege of proclaiming God's mercy to Israel, I proclaim, as God's servant, that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* AMEN.

M: In the peace of this full and free forgiveness, let us praise the LORD!

Song of Praise "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"
Verses 6 & 7 *Christian Worship Hymn 304*

Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion, For these words I do believe Jesus sinners does receive.	Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven. And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to him I cleave Jesus sinners does receive.
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vicar Steve and Sarah Neuman

BLESSING

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M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sing)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn "We Bid You Welcome In The Name"
Christian Worship Hymn 547

We bid you welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted head.
Come as a servant -- so he came --
We shall receive you in his stead.

Come as a shepherd; guard and keep
This fold from hell and world and sin.
Nourish the lambs and feed the sheep;
The wounded heal; the lost bring in.

Come as a teacher sent from God
With his whole counsel to declare.
Our souls encourage with the Word,
While we uphold your hands with prayer.

Come as a messenger of peace,
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love.
God bless your work, your strength increase,
And guide us all to heav'n above.

M: What does God say about all these commandments?

C: He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations who love me and keep my commandments."

M: What does this mean?

C: God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands.

But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust him and gladly obey what he commands.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God of relationships, in your wisdom you designed marriage to be one man and one woman for life. Cause us all to respect your design for marriage and the blessings you give in the context of that committed relationship. Create and sustain in all of us pure hearts and minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: *(spoken)* AMEN.

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FIRST LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:21-33

"Our model for marriage is the relationship of Christ to his Church and the Church to Christ."

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery- but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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Refrain: *Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

<i>O Lord, open `my lips,* and my mouth will de`clare your praise.</i>	<i>Do not cast me from your `presence* or take your Holy Spirit `from me.</i>
<i>You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would `bring it,* you do not take pleasure in burnt `offerings.</i>	<i>Restore to me the joy of your sal`vation,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus`tain me</i>
<i>The sacrifices of God are a broken `spirit,* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will `not despise.</i>	<i>Then I will teach transgressors `your ways,* and sinners will turn `back to you.</i>

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Refrain

Refrain

Create in me a pure `heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit with`in me.*

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 8:1-11

"Jesus came to forgive the sin of adultery."

1But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." 8Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

Hymn "God Of Love And God Of Marriage"
Christian Worship Hymn 602

God of love and God of marriage,
Father, bless our wedding day;
As your love brought Eve to Adam,
Make us one in you today.
As the glory of your presence
Brightened paradise, O Lord, we
pray,
Let the sunshine of your goodness
Light our steps along life's way.

God of love and God of marriage,
Spirit, may our wedding be
Symbol of that blest communion --
Christ and Christians' unity.
As you bring the Church to oneness,
Knit our hearts in holy, heav'nly
love;
Help us live each for the other
Till we share your joy above.

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God of love and God of marriage,
Savior, be our wedding guest;
By your gracious, loving presence
May our home be richly blessed.
As you gladdened hearts at Cana,
Turning trouble into joy, O Lord,
Turn our hearts to brimming gladness
By your wonder-working Word.

**6TH COMMANDMENT:
"LORD, KEEP ME PURE!"**

2 Samuel 11-12 (Selected Verses)

Statement of Belief THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT w/"What does this mean?"

C: You shall not commit adultery.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

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