

- Why such a command?
 - It was a common practice of those with power.
 Gen. 12:14-17
 - God's design has always been one man for one woman. Gen. 2:20-24
 - But the hardness of man's heart was not happy with this plan. Gen. 16:1-4; 29:25-28; 30:1-4, 9

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 - To protect women in these cases, God established laws for it. *Exo.* 21:10
 - The penalty for committing adultery. Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22

- Examples of some who violated this law:
 - The sons of Eli. 1 Sam. 2:12, 22
 - David committed adultery with the wife of Uriah. 2 Sam. 11:2-4
 - A couple of prophets in Judah. Jer. 29:23

- The lesson for us today:
 - Remember that we are not under any part of the law. *Col. 2:14, 16-17; Rom. 7:4*
 - Yet, we are under a greater responsibility.
 Matt. 5:27-30
 - The penalty under the N.T. is eternal death. 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21

