

# The Ten Commandments

## Seventh Commandment: Do Not Commit Adultery

### Exodus 20:13

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You shall not commit adultery

### Maimonides Negative commandment #347

The 347th prohibition is that one is forbidden to have relations with one's neighbor's wife. The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, "do not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife."

There are various forms of punishment for one who transgresses this prohibition. If she was a betrothed maiden [*na'ara m'urasa*], she is executed by stoning, as explained in Scripture. If she was the daughter of a kohen, she is executed by *s'reifah*. He, however, is executed by strangulation. If she is not the daughter of a kohen and is fully married, both of them are executed by strangulation. This all refers to where the testimony was accepted. If it was not, the penalty is *kares*. All the above applies only if the transgression was done intentionally. If it was done unintentionally, a sin-offering must be brought.

This prohibition is repeated in the Ten Commandments in the verse, "do not commit adultery," which refers to relations with a married woman.