

# **AA39. Fleeing Lustful Passions.**

*We are to flee our lustful passions.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:28

*But I tell you that a man who even looks at a woman with the purpose of lusting after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

What God wants is that you be holy, that you keep away from sexual immorality, that each of you know how to manage his sexual impulses in a holy and honorable manner, without giving in to lustful desires, like the pagans who don't know God.

2 Timothy 2:22

*So, flee the passions of youth; and, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love and peace.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Galatians 5:16, 19-21

Titus 3:3;

1 Peter 4:2-3;

2 Peter 2:9-10;

Jude 1:18

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA02 Behaving Properly

AA06 Keeping Our Minds from Causing Our Bodies to Sin

AA11 Renouncing Worldly Pleasures

AA13 Fleeing from Sin and Evil

AA39 Fleeing Lustful Passions

AA65 Not Holding Onto or Prolonging Anger

AA66 Not Allowing Anger to Cause Us to Sin

WA01 Abstaining from Fornication and Other Acts of Sexual Immorality

WA02 Not Lusting After a Person of the Opposite Sex while Either is Married to Another

GB60 Not Allowing Passions and Emotions to Lead Us Astray

GB72 Not Participating in Wild Parties and Orgies

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### Exodus 20:14(17)

*Do not covet your neighbor's house; do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

### Proverbs 6:23-29

*For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is light, and reproofs that discipline are the way to life. They keep you from an evil woman, from a loose woman's seductive tongue. Don't let your heart lust after her beauty or allow her glance to captivate you. The price of a whore is a loaf of bread, but the adulteress is hunting for a precious life. Can a man carry fire inside his shirt without burning his clothes? Can a man walk [barefoot] on hot coals without scorching his feet? So is he who has sex with his neighbor's wife; anyone touching her will be punished.*

## **Comment**

This *Mitzvah* #AA39 is not advocating that we flee our lawful passions of having and enjoying sex as part of marriage. The “*passions of youth*” referred to in 2 Timothy 2:22 are sexual passions typical of those referred to in Matthew 5:2 – lusting after (and worse acquiring) sexual gratification out of wedlock and from persons whose sexual favors belong to another (see the example of Joseph fleeing from Potiphar’s wife in Genesis 39:1-12).

See also, AA49 and GB60

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

S09 Giving Ourselves to Unlawful Sexual Desires