

Sermon Notes – September 16, 2018

[#49] *Protecting the Marriage Covenant*

Deuteronomy 22:13–29



Children's Sermon: Truth Seven ⁱ

#1 - God is the sovereign Creator of all things. (You belong to God.)

#2 - God created people for His glory.

#3 - God is holy and righteous.

#4 - Man is sinful.

#5 - God is just and is right to punish sin.

#6 - God is merciful. He is kind to undeserving sinners. (Why)

#7 - **Jesus is God's holy and righteous Son: (How)**

John 1:1, 14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Explanation:

- **How** did God make a way for sin to be punished and for sinners to be saved?
- Jesus is fully God... (healings, walk on water...)
- Jesus is one of us... (baby, grew, was hungry...)

Illustration: Our List of Sin's

- Did Jesus do any of these?

Implication:

- Jesus came into the world to save you. (The Hero enters the story...)

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (close with prayer)

Who Doesn't Love a Good Fairy Tale? (e.g. Cinderella)

Notes:

- God is the Father & Husband
- Israel is the Wife/Betrothed
- Life is Found in the Covenant with their Husband (**Historical Note: In the ANE a women's protection, provision & future life depended on her husband.**)
- Their Life Together Pictures Their Life with Yahweh

Read Deuteronomy 22:13–29

Married Land

Isaiah 62:4

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called *My Delight Is in Her*, and *your land Married*; for *the Lord delights in you*, and your land shall be *married*.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

No one was permitted to steal the life found within the covenant bond of marriage.



Jesus makes it clear that it is also wrong for a husband to break the marriage covenant.

Matthew 19:8–9

⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: *whoever divorces his wife*, except for sexual immorality, and *marries another*, *commits adultery*.” (Cf. Paul – 1 Corinthians 7:4, 10–11)

Matthew 19:3–6

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful *to divorce one’s wife for any cause?*” ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ *So they are no longer two but one flesh*. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Cf. Gen. 2:24–25; 1 Cor. 6:16)

Jesus is Our Prince Charming!

Ephesians 5:22–33

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

²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her*, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ *In the same way husbands should love*

their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, *just as Christ does the church*, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh**.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that *it refers to Christ and the church*. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Application

- Our life is safe inside our marriage covenant! (Is. 62:4)

 - Stop bemoaning our neediness (this is old news)
 - We are rescued from our adultery by our husband!
 - Jesus is judged for our adultery (cross)
 - Jesus is vindicated from the adultery charge (resurrection)

 - Do we hate clear distinctions between men & women?
 - Do we care about our created purpose for gender?
 - Do we despise God’s created order?
- “...being a good financial provider was seen as particularly important for men to be a good husband or partner, according to a 2017 survey by the [Pew Research] Center. About seven-in-ten adults (71%) said it was very important for a man to be able to support a family financially to be a good husband or partner, while just 32% said the same for a woman to be a good wife or partner.” ⁱⁱ
- As Christians, let’s not be ashamed of these things
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- Do we protect our marriage covenants?
 - Do we tell the truth about Jesus? (Hesed)
 - Our Eternal Father & Husband are covenant keepers!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Embrace and proclaim our happily-ever-after with Jesus our husband.



ⁱ Helping Children to Understand the Gospel

ⁱⁱ **8 facts about love and marriage in America** by Abigail Geiger And Gretchen Livingston
<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/02/13/8-facts-about-love-and-marriage/>