

L5 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Marriage Pt. 2 | Pro. 5:15-20

I. Intro/Review:

1. The Institution of Marriage
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II. Preview:

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III. Sermon:

1. **Joined only by Marriage**

- 1.1 - Gen. 2:25 - nakedness within marriage (Heb. 13:4)
- 1.2 - Gen. 1:28, 31 - very good
 - God's precedent not only defines marriage, but condemns that which is for and within marriage to be used without it.
 - Living with boyfriend and girlfriend and having sex as if they were married is condemned by God
 - Fornication no matter how acceptable by the world and society will always be contrary to God's institution.
 - Ex. 20:14 - thou shalt not commit adultery
 - Before sin - no guilt or sin inherently associated with the intimacy and sexuality of a marriage
 - Cannot live for God's glory in marriage unless yoked together in marriage.

2. **Honor of Marriage**

2.1 - Relation to God

- 2.1.1 - God the Author

2.1.2 - Invented & Appointed

- "after His likeness"
- "according to His purpose"

2.1.3 - No man or angel brought the woman to the man

2.1.4 - From God's own hand

- We view with high regard and value things depending on the name of someone

2.2 - Circumstances of its' Institution

2.2.1 - Time

- Not an after thought
- Creation imperfect without it
- Ancient institution - ordained first
- Before sin - not as a relief to him after sin - no sin in the marriage bed

2.2.2 - Place

- Garden of Eden
- Garden delights

2.2.3 - Persons

- First parents
- Above all kings, queens, princes, and nobles

2.2.4 - Manner

- Triune God deliberated (Gen. 2:18)
- She was made from rib

2.3 - Relation to Christ

2.3.1 - His birth | Gen. 3:15; Matt. 1:18-25; Gal. 4

2.3.2 - His presence | Jn. 2:1-11 (wine - joy of the kingdom)

2.3.3 - Symbol of Kingdom of Heaven | Matt. 22:2, 11-14

2.3.4 - Joining Spiritually - 1 Cor. 6; 2 Cor. 11; Eph. 5

2.4 - Relation to the World

2.4.1 - world to be populated (Gen. 1:28)

- Righteous way to fulfill their mandate

2.4.2 - without it the world would be empty

2.4.3 - honorable in all (Heb. 13)

3. **Purposes of Marriage**

3.1 - Good Companion

3.1.1 - Genesis 1:26-27 | Gen. 2:7, 15-25 preceded the creation of the woman and preceded the mandate to be fruitful and multiple.

3.1.2 - God in His deliberation is concerned with man's mutual help and comfort

3.1.3 - After God gives man the woman in marriage does He give the mandate to bring forth children

3.1.4 - Man was alone in Creation

- One said, "God decided it was better for man to lose a rib than lack a wife"
- Ecc. 4:9, 11

3.2 - Fruitful and Multiply

3.2.1 - Gen. 1:28 - "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:..."

3.2.2 - They are given dominion

1. Over all
2. Manifest dominion by reproducing to its kind
3. Prior to sin

3.2.3 - The natural foundation upon which is would give making to His creation

1. Natural then spiritual - 1 Cor. 15
2. Family to Family of God - Eph. 3
3. Godly seed - Mal. 2:15
4. Tit. 3 - "regeneration" (generation & regeneration)
 - Adam became a living soul - Christ a quickening spirit

3.2.4 - Adam's sin

1. Rom. 5 - pass upon all men
2. Ps. 51:5, 58:3; Eph. 2:3; Rom. 3:10
3. Ecc. 7:29 - "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

3.3 - Avoidance of Sin

3.3.1 - That which God built into this institution - intimate companionship, that is, companionship after His image after His likeness and intimate to the degree of conception would serve as a salvation after sin.

3.3.2 - The history of sexual sin - a departure from God

- Rom. 1 - lust broke into fornication, adultery, and uncleanness

3.3.3 - Marriage is the only sanctified substitute to those sins

- 1 Cor. 7:1

3.3.4 - The sexual intimacy is to be satisfied as husband and wife render due benevolence

- When this benevolence is lovingly given is a haven from the jeopardy of temptations and lusts
- Pro. 5:8 - "remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:"
- Pro. 5:20 - "and why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?"
 - She says, 9:17 - "Stolen waters are sweet..."
 - Instead, 5:15 - "Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well."
- Pro. 5:18-19

IV. Conclusion: