

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 10-1-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 11
Marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Paul gave wisdom concerning marriage in a time of difficult circumstances.
 - a) Paul did not forbid marriage but –
- 2) Verse 25 – No specific commandment was given concerning “virgins”, but –
- 3) Verse 26 – In light of this “present distress”, remain as you are.
- 4) Verse 27 – If you are married, stay married. If you are not married, remain single.
- 5) Verse 28 – If you choose to marry, you have not sinned.
- 6) Verse 29 – “time is short.”
- 7) Verse 30 – Even though this “present distress” is tough, don’t lose sight of –
- 8) Verse 31 – Be wise in your pursuits for this world will pass away.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Paul returns to the subject of singleness and marriage.

2. Something to consider in singleness and marriage. I Cor. 7:32-35

a. Note the contrast Paul presents to the men.

- 1) Verse 32 –
 - a) To the man who is unmarried –
 - b) “without carefulness” – free from anxiety.
 - c) “how he may please the Lord” – speaks of the things of the Lord.
- 2) Verse 33 –
 - a) To the man who is married –
 - b) Divided between trying to please his wife and the Lord. Pulled in two directions.

b. Does this resonate?

- 1) Single men – do you see your singleness this way?
- 2) Married men – does this resonate that you have felt pulled in two directions?
- 3) Some might see this incorrectly.
- 4) Marriage is honorable, good, and therefore not sin before the Lord.

c. He presents the same contrast to the women.

- 1) Verse 34 –
 - a) “holy both in body and in spirit.” –
 - b) Single women – do you see your singleness this way?
 - c) Married women – does this resonate that you have felt pulled in two directions?

d. Exhortation to the singles and the married.

- 1) It is not necessarily easy for a single person to be focused on the Lord.
- 2) It is not necessarily true that someone who is married will only be focused on their spouse at the expense of walking with and serving the Lord.
- 3) To the single and to the married, your walk with the Lord prior to marriage can –

4)As we move into the next verse –

e.The wisdom you must be mindful of.

1)Verse 35 –

- a)“And this I speak for your own profit” -
- b)“not that I may cast a snare upon you” –
- c)“but for that which is comely” –

3.Good wisdom from Paul for that time. I Cor. 7:36-38

a.Verse 36-38 go together.

1)Verse 36 –

- a)“Behaveth himself uncomely” –
- b)“toward his virgin” –
- c)“pass the flower of her age” –
- d)“and need so require” –
- e)“let him do what he will” –
- f)“he sinneth not” –

2)Verse 37 –

- a)“Nevertheless” –
- b)“standeth stedfast in his heart” –
- c)“having no necessity” –
- d)“power over his own will” –
- e)“that he will keep his virgin” –

3)Verse 38 –

- a)To give in marriage breaks no laws. Marriage is permitted.

4)Summary –

4.Paul wraps up his teaching on marriage.

a.Verse 39 –

- 1)A commonly known truth about marriage.

b.Verse 40 –

- 1)One more word of encouragement.

5.Tonight’s Take Away:

a.Things have changed concerning how marriage takes place since Paul’s day, but there is something I believe should still be true even today.

b.Next week – God’s divorce of Israel.