

Marriage and the Marriage Bed

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

I Corinthians 7:2-5

²But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. ³The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

I Thessalonians 4:3, 7

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁷For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

Introduction:

I. Marriage is to be held in _____ by _____ (v. 4a)

Why this point is being made; two reasons:

- 1) Ascetic – I Tim. 4:3; Col. 2:20-23

- 2) Marital unfaithfulness – Gen. 2:18, 22-24

II. The marriage bed is to be kept _____. (v.4b)

A. God's good gift of sexual relations; three purposes:

- 1) Having _____ - Gen. 1:28a

- 2) Prevention of _____ - I Cor. 7:2, 3

- 3) _____ of husband and wife – Prov. 5:15, 18, 19

B. Ways marriage bed is defiled – Mt. 5:27, 28

III. God will _____ fornicators and adulterers (v. 4c) I Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Prov. 5:21-23; 7:14

Additional application:

IV. God has not _____ us to impurity but sanctification. I Thess. 4:3, 7

A. Remember the _____ of this sin.

B. Remember the _____ of God in Christ

C. A special word to children and teens – Prov. 5:3

D. A word to those _____ with sexual sin.

1. Maintain regular and pleasant _____ of love with your spouse.

2. _____, in so far as possible, opportunities that promote this sin.

3. Sincerely humble yourself and seek the Lord's help as your _____.

4. Recognize you may be in this battle for a _____.