

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, June 12, 2022

Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage

Message 7. The Wife's Role: Beauty – 1 Peter 3:1-6

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Introduction: We are sojourners and pilgrims on this earth. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are a holy nation that is traveling through this fallen world waiting for our heavenly home (Hebrews 11:13). Therefore, we must not allow the world to define the standards of beauty for us. Instead, we must strive to uphold the things that are beautiful to the Lord!

- I. This World is not Our Home – 1 Peter 2:11-3:17
 - A. Abstain from Fleshly Lust
 - B. Behave Honorably – excellence, beauty, honesty, good
 - C. Submit
 1. To Governmental Rule
 2. Servants to Masters
 3. Wives, Likewise, to Your Own Husbands
 4. Husbands, Likewise, Honor Your Wife
 - D. Finally, All of You – Be of One Mind
 1. Compassion, Love, Tenderhearted
 2. Courteous, Blessing
 - E. Even and Especially when You Suffer
- II. Wives, Don't be Worldly – vs. 1-6
 - A. Be Submissive (vs. 1-2)
 1. Win Your Husband without a Word (Actions, Obedience) – 1 Cor. 7:16-17
 2. Chaste Conduct – Pure Living
 3. Fear – phobeo – respect, reverence, deference, obedience
 - B. Be Beautiful (vs. 3-4) – 1x NT
 1. Adornment – kosmos – arrangement, order of adornment
 - a. Not Merely Outward – external
 - 1) Hair, Jewelry, Clothing – Prov. 6:25; 31:21-22, 30
 - 2) Cosmetic – arranged
 - a) Makeup – to put together, in acting (1808) “to prepare to impersonate”
 - b) Made-up – covered, changed, fake
 - b. Internal – incorruptible
 - 1) Heart – hidden, concealed, inner man
 - 2) Spirit – meek and gentle – tranquil and at peace – 1 Thess. 2:7; 2 Tim. 2:24; Matt. 11:29; 21:5
 - 3) Precious in God's Sight
 - a) Holiness – Psa. 29:2; 96:9
 - b) Praise – Psa. 147:1
 - c) Sharing the Gospel – Isa. 52:7
 - d) The Lord! – Psa. 27:4; Eph. 5:1-2; but note: Isa. 53:2
 - C. True Beauty Exemplified (vs. 5-6)
 1. Trusted God
 2. Were So Adorned
 - a. Submissive
 - b. Respectful – phobeo – Eph. 5:33
 - III. Defining True Beauty – Phil. 4:8; Psa. 27:4; Isa. 28:5

Cross References

Hebrews 11:13

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

1 Thessalonians 2:7

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

2 Timothy 2:24

24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

Matthew 11:29

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 21:5

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

Psalms 29:2

2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 96:9

9 Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Psalms 147:1

147 Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

Isaiah 52:7

7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Psalms 27:4

4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.

Ephesians 5:1-2

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Isaiah 53:2

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Ephesians 5:33

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Psalms 27:4

4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Isaiah 28:5

5 In that day the Lord of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people,