

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, July 3, 2022

Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage

Message 10. The Husband's Role: Understanding – 1 Peter 3:7

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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 the marriage relationship for us. Instead, we must strive to uphold the clear teaching of the Word of God while guarding against it being twisted.

- 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
- II. Wives, Don't Be Worldly – vs. 1-6
- III. Husbands, Be Understanding – vs. 7
 - A. Likewise – continuing the theme of submission to God's design and roles
 1. Voluntarily yield your rights and desires to serve your wife
 2. "But, I am the Leader" – Luke 22:26; Eph 5:25, 29
 - B. Dwell with Them – the total marriage relationship – "Live together" (one flesh)
 1. With Understanding – personal insight that leads to loving care
 - a. Love is required – 1 Cor. 13:2
 - b. Wisdom is necessary – James 3:13; Eph. 1:15-23
 - c. This is the will of God – Eph. 5:17
 2. Subordinate Your Needs – Eph. 5:21
 - a. Too many view marriage as an opportunity to have a helper, but not be a helper
 - b. You are a team, serving Christ together and then one another – "as unto the Lord"
 3. Secure Her when She Faces Fears – point her to Christ (and Christlikeness) – Eph. 5:26
 - C. Honor Her – high regard, value because of special quality – Prov. 31:10
 1. As to the Weaker Vessel
 - a. Protect Her – She isn't weaker, but treat her like she is – Prov. 31:17, 25
 - b. Provide for Her – 1 Timothy 5:8
 2. As Equal Heirs Together – Joyful Companionship – Eccl 9:9
 - D. Fellowship and Worship Unhindered – Eph 4:25-32
- IV. Finally, All of You – Be of One Mind – vs. 8-9
 - A. Compassion - Love, Tenderhearted
 - B. Courteous - Blessing
 - C. Continually - Even and Especially when You Suffer

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.

Luke 22:26

26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Ephesians 5:29

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

1 Corinthians 13:2

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

James 3:13

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 5:17

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:21

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:26

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Proverbs 31:10

10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:17

17 She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

Proverbs 31:25

25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

1 Timothy 5:8

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

Ephesians 4:25-32

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.