

The Danger Of Sexual Sin And The Delight Of Marriage – Proverbs: Wisdom for Life.

Proverbs 5:1-23

Sunday: 10/13/24 – Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

Recognize the dangers and refrain from sex outside of marriage by valuing and rejoicing in God's gift of marital union

Overview

This week, Pastor Lenard preached a message from Proverbs 5 concerning the gift of marriage and sexuality that includes warnings. This passage opens with a continued lesson from King Solomon. Solomon is calling his sons to discipline as it relates to sexual temptations. Solomon vividly describes the temptations we will face and the certain disaster when we fall into sin. This lesson applies to those who are married or single. Pastor Lenard also pointed out how these sins show us the world's low view of marriage and the role of sex. We live in a world that selfishly treats sexuality like fast food and fails to recognize the true design of our Creator. We are called, both men and women, to rejoice in our spouses, to admire them, find joy in our differences, and love them (even when they drive us crazy). Marriage and sex are gifts given by God, he sees us in all we do and think, and he will judge those who use his gifts in a selfish and immoral way.

"God's word affirms the harm of sexual sin. Whenever we face temptation, we should repeat to ourselves the truth of God's Word: sexual sin will bring harm." -Allan Moseley

Sermon Outline

God's original purpose:

1. The danger of sexual temptation (v1-6):
2. The disaster of sexual sin (v7-14): *1 Corinthians 6:18*
3. **God's design:** Delight in your spouse (v15-19): *Ephesians 5:25-27*
4. **God's deterrence:** Judgement on sexual immorality (v20-23): *Hebrews 13:4*

Referenced Verses: *Genesis 2:1 & 2:24, 4:19-24, 1 Corinthians 7, Numbers 32:23, Matthew 19:1-12*

Discussion Questions

1. This passage is a continuation of Solomon's teaching to his sons, it comes with repeated encouragements to listen and to be attentive.
 - a. What are lessons you learned from someone older and wiser than you (even if you didn't listen initially and they were right)?
2. Solomon uses a lot of imagery to get his message across, the stakes are really high.
 - a. What are negative images that Solomon uses to describe temptation and the consequences of falling to them?
 - b. What are the positive images used?
 - c. Why, in our cultural context, do we have a hard time with this language?
3. The word FLEE is a good summary of what our response should be to sexual temptation, Pastor Lenard reminded us we shouldn't allow ourselves to even get close to sexual sin.
 - a. In a saturated world of media and sexuality on display what are areas where you need to be attentive to this teaching?
 - b. If you're single, how can delighting in God's design help you remain pure?
 - c. The passage strongly encourages us to find satisfaction in our spouses.
 - i. What are daily obstacles to satisfaction in our marriages?
 - ii. What areas do you need to work on to strengthen the display of your love for your spouse?
4. Did anything else stand out in the passage or message?