

The Honorable State of Marriage

Sermon 53 in the Hebrews Series – taught in SS

Hebrews 13:4

I. The Grammatical Meaning of the Text

There is no verb in the original.

Honorable: = *timios* -- includes respect and affection (even precious)

Undefiled – no sin – no shame – opposite of “defiled”

Fornicators = *Pornous* = impure – all sorts of sexual immorality

Adulterers = Married and impure – a defiled bed.

Both classes will be judged.

“Let marriage be held in the highest honor by all, just as God holds it in the highest honor, and let the honorable marriage bed remain undefiled, because God will judge the immoral and the adulterous.”

II. The Key Ingredient in a Good Marriage

It is found in the base meaning of the word “honorable” = respect

III. Perversions of Marriage

Marriage is a God-ordained institution.

By definition: *One man and one woman for one lifetime.*

“For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh.”

Gen. 2:24 – The Institution; Matt. 19:5 – Divorce; Eph. 5:31 – The Illustration

Homosexual marriage

Casual sex – 1 Cor. 6:16 – one flesh

Living as husband and wife with no commitment

IV. Final Applications

1. Keep yourself pure before marriage – 1 Thess. 4:4
2. Choose your spouse carefully.
3. How to cultivate a relationship
Spiritual/ Emotional/ Physical
4. Realize when you do get married it is “until death do us part”
5. For those who are married – pray for spiritual graces
Wisdom/ Humility/Contentment/Uprightness