

Tuesday, July 26 - Read Malachi 2:10-16

1. What was God's intention in bringing together a man and a woman as husband and wife in marriage?
2. Why would this be so important in mankind's fulfilling of the cultural mandate he gave us in Genesis 1:28?
3. What does God imply here that endangers this goal? (What kind of activity works against godly offspring being raised by a man and wife?)
4. Why do you think a father or mother's example of being faithless to their spouse works against their raising of godly offspring?
5. How is this connection made more powerful with God's likening of our relationship to him as a marriage? (vs. 10-12)
6. Where does God say that we need to guard ourselves in order to avoid being faithless to our spouse?
7. How can we do this?

KTFK: this fact / this union / ignored. / helps raise / imitates the / Faithfulness within / cannot be / LORD, and / godly offspring

Song: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Prayer: "Lord, far too often we see our lives and our decisions and actions as only affecting us, when in fact they affect so many others. Forgive us for failing to see how our faithfulness and dedication to our spouse affects the degree to which our children will embrace you, the God we are supposed to be imitating for them. Help us to live as you have called us in the midst of a warped and self-centered society. Amen."

Wednesday, July 27 - Read I Corinthians 7:1-8

1. Why do you think Paul says that it is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman? (See I Corinthians 7:21-38)
 - a. How is this related to the gift he had been given? (vs. 7)
 - b. What is the danger of not marrying if you have not been given this gift?
2. What does Paul mean when he says that the wife has authority over the body of the husband and the husband has authority over the body of the wife?
 - a. What is the ultimate goal of not depriving one another with regard to these things?
 - b. In what way, then, is this aspect of a marriage also an important part of helping your spouse to walk faithfully with the Lord?
3. While the Bible speaks much about sexual immorality, what do all these things tell us about sexual morality, and when are we walking in it?

KTFK: sin we're / sex God / so let / that to / gift in / not driven. / A powerful / marriage provide / has given,

Song: "O Perfect Love"

Prayer: "Lord, there are many things that marriage provides for us. Truly it is a mysterious joining together of two into one in many ways. Still, it is clear that this one flesh union is intended to provide a holy place for sexual activity. May our every marriage be such a place, that each one in the marriage might be fully walking in sexual morality, helping them to avoid all forms of sexual immorality. Amen."

Thursday, July 28 - Read Proverbs 5:1-23, 6:20-35

1. Why do you think Solomon so passionately warns his son about the dangers of adultery?
2. What word pictures here are especially powerful?
3. How had Solomon's own family experienced this? (See II Samuel 12:1-15)
4. Why do you think God inflicts and allows such terrible consequences for adultery?
 - a. Why does it serve to cause so many things to unravel?
5. In what way does adultery serve to allow the fire of sex to escape into many other areas that it was not intended for?
 - a. If sex does not need to be kept within the boundaries of marriage, why does it need to be kept within any boundaries?
6. Is adultery unforgiveable, or are such situations unredeemable?
 - a. Why is this also important to remember?

KTFK: way you / upon every / from this / it will / temptation every / can, for / bring destruction / Guard yourself / foolish man.

Song: "Guard Your Heart"

Prayer: "LORD, we pray that you would give us strength to flee this powerful temptation that we might not only honor you, but also avoid the destruction it brings both to those who engage in this sin and their families. Also, LORD, we pray that you would grant both forgiveness and restoration in those situations where people have fallen. Heal the wounds that have been created, we pray, and make these relationships stronger than they were before. Amen."

Friday, July 29 - Read Matthew 5:27-30

1. What does it mean to look at a woman with lustful intent?
 - a. Is this different than simply observing that a woman (or man) is attractive? How?
2. Why is it important for us to understand that this inner activity is also a breaking of this commandment?
3. How might breaking the commandment in this way lead to breaking the commandment in a physical way?
4. Does breaking the commandment in this inner way also lead to the kind of destruction that actual physical adultery does?
5. How might the destruction that this inner breaking of the commandment brings be experienced in a marriage?
6. How does Jesus' teaching here relate to pornography?
7. Why are so many of these warnings in scripture written to men?
8. Does this mean that women are not susceptible to similar types of sin?

KTFK: quiet of / and destruction / in the / it still / of all / our minds, / produces brokenness / takes place / Just because / kinds. / our sin

Song: "O, Be Careful Little Eyes What You See"

Prayer: "LORD God, our society is simply filled with sexual images, and it seems as though there is not a family or individual who is not in some way drawn into this sin of the mind. Give us a conviction to turn away and seek to guard ourselves and our families so that the type of hidden destruction this brings will not have its way among us. Amen."

Saturday, July 30

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

July 29 - Just because / our sin / takes place / in the / quiet of / our minds, / it still / produces brokenness / and destruction / of all / kinds.
July 28 - Guard yourself / from this / temptation every / way you / can, for / it will / bring destruction / upon every / foolish man.
July 27 - A powerful / gift in / sex God / has given, / so let / marriage provide / that to / sin we're / not driven.
July 26 - Faithfulness within / this union / imitates the / LORD, and / helps raise / godly offspring / this fact / cannot be / ignored.
July 25 - We were / made to / fill the / earth and / have dominion / o'er it /, so God / made multiplying / such that / we might / not ignore / it.

Family Worship 2022

July 25 - 30

Deuteronomy 5:18

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily
KTFK - Key Thought for Kids (Answers on back page)

This week we move on to examine the 7th commandment, "*You shall not commit adultery.*" This is the third commandment of the second table of the law, which governs our relationship to the gift of human life. Specifically, this commandment governs our role in The Furtherance of Human Life. As we look at various passages that help us understand the fullness of what God desires of us here, let us allow his word to put aspects of our lives into their proper categories, recognizing the true purposes for marriage and human sexuality.

Monday, July 25 - Read Genesis 1:26-28

1. What instruction does God give to mankind after he has created them male and female?
2. In what way were they intended to multiply?
3. Why do you think God chose to create mankind with the ability to procreate rather than simply creating all of the individual humans he wanted at the beginning, as he did the angels?
4. How is this creative ability connected to their being created in his image?
5. How would their multiplying help them fulfill God's stated purpose for them?
6. How did God make "being fruitful" the kind of thing that they wouldn't neglect?
7. Has our society continued to see the direct connection between God's gift for being fruitful with the call to multiply or have we disconnected these two things? Why?
 - a. What has been the effect of this?
8. Was it God's intention that this procreating activity should be going on indiscriminately among human beings, or was it reserved to specific relationships? (See Mark 10:6-12)

KTFK: o'er it / it. /, such that / so God / fill the / have dominion / not ignore / We were / we might / made multiplying / earth and / made to

Song: "Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer: "LORD God, in our world we have so idolized sex that we have forgotten the central purpose for which it was given. Forgive us, and help us to restore the beauty and power and mystery of this great gift that it might continue to serve the purposes for which you gave it. Amen."