

World Marriage Day – Sunday 11th February 2024

Sermon Outline

Topic : **Marriage Revival**

Theme Verse : John 10 : 10 (b)

Introduction :

Marriage is like a beautiful garden, like the garden of Eden which God gave Adam and Eve. God blessed marriage with fruitfulness, abundance, authority and dominion.

Man lost it because he sinned. God's presence was no longer in the marriage. But Jesus Christ became a ransom and paid the price with His blood and redeemed all the covenant blessings of marriage back for us.

1. Why marriages need to be revived ?

- Because marriages are lifeless - *Husband & wife are living like strangers under one roof instead of being companions.*
- Marriages are lukewarm – *Husband & wife are taking each other for granted instead of investing love in their marriage.*
- Marriages are in bondage – *Husband/wife are in addictions / illicit relationships etc instead of being set free by the power of the Cross.*
- Marriages are in darkness / dungeon – *the victims in the marriage feel suffocated and gloomy in the relationship – they need to discern the strongholds the enemy has built in their marriage and destroy the darkness by the authority of Jesus and His Word.*
- Marriages are purposeless – *Husband & wife do not realize that God has a purpose in uniting them in marriage and therefore lead a complacent life.*

2. How can marriages be revived ?

Step 1 – Realign

- **Align with the Redeemer – JESUS & disconnect from the life destroyer** (John 10:10)
 - *Husband & Wife must remember that God is part of their Covenant Marriage (Malachi 2 : 14) and*
 - *Husband & Wife must experience the redemptive work of Jesus in their marriage in order to experience abundant life in their marriage.*

- **Align with God’s Word for marriage & reject world’s view of marriage** (1 Cor.2: 12-13)
 - *Today the world has distorted marriage & has been trying to redefine marriage. But as a true believer I must know what the Word of God says.*
 - *Our culture may change but the Word of God remains the same. Same -sex marriages, living together without getting married is on the rise. Unless we are clear we can’t stop the moral decay of our children.*

- **Align with the Holy Spirit for power & disconnect from relying on flesh (Zech.4:6)**
 - *Husband & wife must believe & experience the power of the Holy Spirit both in their personal lives & in their marriage.*

- **Align to God’s purpose for your marriage & say “NO” to the plot of the enemy (Col. 1: 17) - Husband & wife must believe that God has a purpose in uniting them. They must know their calling.**

Step 2 – Be sanctified

- **Be washed & sanctified by the blood of Jesus**
 - *God wants our marriage to be HOLY & Undefined (Hebrews 13 : 4).*
 - **Accept and confess that we have defiled our marriage beds in various ways (Proverbs 28:13) .**
 - **Plead the blood of Jesus to wash away our sins (1 John 1:7)**
 - **And sanctify us through and through (1 Thess.5:23).**
- **Be sanctified & consecrated for God**
 - Sanctified life is a consecrated life set apart for God.
 - Sanctified life is a Holy Life
 - Sanctified life will enable us to see God working wonders in our lives (Joshua 3:5).
 - Sanctified life will enable us to walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8).
 - Every marriage should be sanctified.

Step 3 – Be Powered by the Holy Spirit

- A marriage filled with the abundance of God through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is what God intends.
- Therefore, we must invite the Holy Spirit into our marriage.
- We must be obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit because He knows the truth about every situation in our marriage (John 16:13).
- Be willing to be used by Him – when we allow the Holy Spirit in our marriage; He will give us great boldness.

Conclusion : When marriages are Redeemed by Jesus, Sanctified by God & by powered the Holy Spirit there will be revival in marriages. Every revived marriage will become a powerful instrument in the Kingdom of God