

The P's That Amass All Misunderstanding
Part 2: Unprincipled Partnership in Marriage
Daniel 11:6-20

Introduction

- Most people get married for the w_____ reasons
 1. This is true in the non-Christian world
 2. This is true in the Christian world
- Daniel 11 prophesies of two unprincipled marriages
 1. It was future from Daniel's standpoint
 2. It is history from our standpoint
 3. It is a reminder that only certain marriages bring the b_____ of God
- We will learn
 1. The biblical reasons for marriage
 2. The godly principles that the married must practice
 3. That living the reasons and practicing the principles will bring abundant blessings in marriage.

Unprincipled Marriage Partnerships Prophesied

- See Historical Fulfillment of Daniel 11:6-20 Prophecies
- The marriage between Berenice (daughter of the Egyptian king) and Antiochus Theos (king of Syria)
 1. Made for the purpose of bringing p_____ between Syria and Egypt
 2. The marriage did not l_____
- The marriage between Cleopatra I (daughter of the Syrian king) and Ptolemy Epiphanes (King of Egypt)
 1. Made under the pretense of bringing p_____ once again between Syria and Egypt
 2. Cleopatra was only _____ years old and Ptolemy Epiphanes was only 16 years old.
 3. Cleopatra's father wanted to bring Egypt to r_____, but Cleopatra remained loyal to her husband.
 4. Where did this marriage go? Cleopatra eventually became the first woman Pharaoh upon the death of her 23 year old husband. She died at age 27.

Unprincipled Marriage Partnerships Abound

- What are good reasons to get married? (check the appropriate boxes)
 - He/she is good looking (beautiful, cute, handsome)
 - He/she has a gorgeous body (sexual appeal)
 - Because we are "in love"
 - He/she makes me feel good about who I am as a person
 - He/she has money
 - I don't want to be alone
 - I want to have children
 - We have a lot of things in common (religious beliefs, interests, opinions, etc.)

Principled Marriage Partnerships – Biblical Reasons and Godly Practices

- God must ordain marriage for you
 1. Gen 2:18 – God ordained marriage for _____
 2. I Cor 7:7 – God does not ordain marriage for everyone
 - a. Some have the gift of _____(celibacy)
 - b. The rest have the gift of marriage
 3. If you are in a marriage for the wrong reasons
 - a. If married to an unbeliever, you must do all you can to remain married (see I Cor 7:12-16)

b. If married to an believer for the wrong reasons, you must remain married and c_____ your reasons.

●To be God's gift to another b_____ (Deut 7:3,4; 2Cor 6:14; 1Cor 7:39)

1. Act as a gift to your spouse

a. Eph 5:25 – Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church by g_____ Himself up for her (sacrificial service)

b. I Pet 3:7 – Husbands treat your wives as the w_____ vessel (Wester's paraphrase – like fine china).

c. Titus 2:4 – Wives must learn to be a husband l_____ (one word in Greek – study your husband and learn what makes him feel loved and do it!)

Make the basis of your marriage biblical and the focus of your practices godly. You will be blessed!