

## PREVENTING A PROFANITY

Malachi 2:10-12

### Introduction:

- A. Definition of profane
  - 1. Common – the use of o\_\_\_\_\_ language that incorporates swear words.
  - 2. Originally from the Latin meaning, *outside the t\_\_\_\_\_* and so refers to language that is unholy and irreverent.
  - 3. Biblical (the word is used twice in Mal 2:10,11) - *to destroy the value of something*
- B. The people of Judah were guilty of profaning or devaluing the m\_\_\_\_\_ covenant.
  - 1. By marrying the daughter of a foreign g\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. God called the people of Judah his s\_\_\_\_\_ (see Ps 114:1,2)
    - a. God instructed them in Ex 34:12-17 not to make covenants with the inhabitants lest they end up w\_\_\_\_\_ their gods and grabbing women as wives for their sons.
    - b. Taking God's sanctuary and joining it to foreign gods produced a society that was disconnected from the Lord.
- C. What are we doing in our lives, in our family, and in our church to prevent marriage from being devalued?

**Words about responsibility** - Although this is Old Testament, the principle is timeless and is taught in the New Testament.

- A. 1Cor 6:14,15 - believers in Christ are not to be unequally y\_\_\_\_\_ with unbelievers.
- B. Eph 6:4 - parents are to raise their children
  - 1. In the instruction of the Lord – t\_\_\_\_\_ God's word.
  - 2. In the admonition of the Lord – d\_\_\_\_\_ children for not obeying God's word.

### Words of warning

- A. The people of Judah profaned marriage because they were just l\_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong places.
  - 1. The foreigners looked g\_\_\_\_\_ for marriage
  - 2. This is a repeat of the mistake of mankind in Gen 6, where the sons of God looked for wives among the daughters of m\_\_\_\_\_ rather than the daughters of God.
- B. The clash of sexuality - Heb 13:4 commands that marriage is to be held in honor by a \_\_\_\_\_ by reserving sexual intimacy within its boundaries (marriage is defined in Gen 2:24)

1. Often believers end up c\_\_\_\_\_ sexual standards when dating an unbeliever.
  2. Believers who date believers will have temptation to violate biblical standards but must hold one another accountable.
- C. The clash of raising children – should they be influenced spiritually or not? To d\_\_\_\_\_ a child of personal spiritual influence is to influence them to be unspiritual!
- D. The basis of right and wrong – for a believer it is to be God’s word; but for an unbeliever it is s\_\_\_\_\_ (it’s okay for us to be dishonest in this situation).

**Words of wisdom**

- A. Hollywood leads people to believe that f\_\_\_\_\_ in love is something that cannot be helped. But this is far from the truth.
1. Just as the people of Judah decided to love pagans as wives, so falling in love is a choice.
  2. Eph 5:25 commands husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. – not a feeling but a d\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Titus 2:4 commands older women to teach newlyweds how to show a\_\_\_\_\_ to their husbands. – not a feeling but an a\_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Feelings do not produce love, but love produces feelings.
- B. Most Christians marry for the wrong reasons - why did you get married?
1. L\_\_\_\_\_
  2. F\_\_\_\_\_
  3. F\_\_\_\_\_
- C. All Christians should stay married for the r\_\_\_\_\_ reasons
1. The marriage covenant is un\_\_\_\_\_ (for richer for poorer, etc)
  2. Basing the marriage relationship on unconditional love and respect will never f\_\_\_\_\_ because love never f\_\_\_\_\_ (1Cor 13:8)

**Conclusion** - Let us not profane what is sacred. Base all living and loving on the solid of foundation of God’s word which never changes and never fails.