

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage**

**Message 5. Where Do Fights Come From? – James 4:1-6; 1 John 2:15-17**

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Intro: Review – Created for fellowship, stewardship, and worship – to glorify God. Created male and female in the image of God for a lifetime partnership, lineage through parenting, and to provide a living gospel parable to the church and the world. This week we begin looking at the assault on marriage and the things that cause fights and divisions, deviations from God's plan and purposes for marriage.

- I. Motives behind Conflict – Serving Self – James 4:1-6
  - A. Your Inner War with Lust – James 1:14-15; Rom. 7:19-25
    - 1. Covetousness – Idolatry – Col. 3:5
    - 2. Murderous Motives – Anger – Matt. 5:21-26
    - 3. Self-Seeking/Pleasure – Prov. 21:17; Eccl. 2:1-3, 10-11; Luke 8:14; 2 Tim. 3:1-5
    - 4. Friendship with the World – vs. 4
      - a. Viewing life and marriage and your role from a worldly perspective or with secular values
      - b. Worldview
    - 5. Pride – “I know what’s best.” – vs. 6
  - B. Love vs. Lust – 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Gal. 5:22-23
    - 1. Qualities of Love – to give
    - 2. The Opposite that is Lust – to get
- II. Lucifer's Bait Shop – The Lure of Lust – 1 John 2:15-17
  - A. The Program – Gen. 3:1-5
    - 1. Doubt God and His Word
    - 2. Distort God and His Word
    - 3. Deny God and His Word
    - 4. Disobey God and His Word
  - B. The Bait
    - 1. Lust of the Flesh – Gen. 3:6; Luke 4:1-4
      - a. Good for food
      - b. Bread from stones
    - 2. The Lust of the Eyes – Gen. 3:6; Luke 4:5-8
      - a. Pleasant to the eyes
      - b. All the kingdoms you see
    - 3. The Pride of Life – Gen. 3:6; Luke 4:9-12
      - a. Makes one wise
      - b. Presume upon God because of Who You are
  - C. Overcoming Temptation with the Word of God
    - 1. It is written – Luke 4:4, 8
    - 2. It has been said – Luke 4:12
    - 3. Resist the devil – James 4:7; Luke 4:13

## **Cross References**

### **James 4:1-6**

4 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

### **James 1:14-15**

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

### **Romans 7:19-25**

19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

### **Colossians 3:5**

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

### **Matthew 5:21-26**

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

### **Proverbs 21:17**

17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

### **Ecclesiastes 2:1-3**

2 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure”; but surely, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter—“Madness!”; and of mirth, “What does it accomplish?” 3 I searched in

my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

### **Ecclesiastes 2:10-11**

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

### **Luke 8:14**

14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

### **1 John 2:15-17**

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

### **Genesis 3:1-5**

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

### **Genesis 3:6**

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

### **Luke 4:1-13**

4 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" 5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

### **James 4:7**

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.