

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 8-9, 2004

"The State of Our Unions"

John 4:15-19

At the time of creation, God forever defined marriage as a lifelong exclusive commitment between a man and woman (Genesis 2:24).

The passage that we began to examine several weeks ago records for us Christ's interaction with a Samaritan woman (John 4:1-16).

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We have examined the request that Christ made of this Samaritan woman in John 4:1-9.

We have examined the offer that Christ made to this Samaritan woman in John 4:10-14.

This weekend, we will be examining Christ's insight into the Samaritan woman's encounters with various men (John 4:15-19).

When the Samaritan woman asked Christ to give her water so that she would not ever have to come to the well again, I believe she was humoring Christ.

Jesus, in John 4:16, asked the woman to call her husband so that He might have the opportunity to later expose her sin and thus change her attitude toward Him.

The specifics that He shared exposed her as a fornicator.

"Fornication" (PORNEIA) in its more narrow sense was used to describe the sexual intercourse of an unmarried person.

Christ, by His words in John 4:17, made it very clear that if God's ordained authorities do not acknowledge that a marriage exists, there is no marriage in the sight of God.

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There are very serious consequences for those who choose to live together without the benefit of marriage (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:4).

Jesus' insight into the life of this Samaritan woman forced her to conclude that He was not an ordinary individual. She gave expression to this conviction by calling Him a prophet.

Samaritans acknowledged no prophet after Moses, other than "the prophet" spoken of in Deuteronomy 18:18, whom they believed was the coming Messiah.

It would appear that when she referred to Jesus as a prophet, she certainly was moving into the area of messianic speculation.

Lord, I pray that you would pour out your grace upon me that every word I speak and every action I take would elevate the honorable and holy estate of marriage.