

Outline – February 12, 2023
John 10:9-11; Ephesians 6:10-12, 5:6-8
Revelations 12:7-9
“Unshakeable Light In Life”

One Of Theologies Great Extremes

I. The Enemy of your marriage

- A. Some churches never mention Satan
- B. Other churches continually focus on Satan
- C. The Bible speaks of Satan from Genesis to Revelation
- D. Jesus declared
 - 1. Cast out of heaven like lightening
 - 2. Jesus declared Satan’s mission
 - 3. Jesus was tempted by Satan
- E. Paul said “Satan is like an angel of light”
- F. Peter said “Satan like a roaring lion”

II. The war for your marriage

- A. Satan tempts and recruits
 - 1. In heaven among the angels
 - 2. On earth in the garden among humanity
- B. From joy to sorrow
- C. He is recruiting today
 - 1. Recruiting you
 - 2. Recruiting your spouse
 - 3. In families
 - 4. In churches
 - 5. To join him, his realm, his theology, and doctrine
 - 6. Satan recruits in key places

III. The importance of Godly leadership

- A. If you don’t lead your family, Satan will
- B. Biblical authority is paramount
- C. Jesus must be the center of your marriage
 - 1. The worship of Jesus Messiah
 - 2. Who do we worship?
- D. Satan has an agenda and technique
 - 1. Doubt God
 - 2. Believe God has failed you
 - 3. Cause you to believe you married the wrong person

IV. What are we bringing into our marriages?

A. We are either bringing heaven down into our marriage or we are pulling hell up into our marriage

1. When we bring
 - a. Shame/pain
 - b. Division/deception
 - c. Past hurts
 - d. Criticism/contempt
 - e. Secrets and addiction
 - f. Bitterness/blame
 - g. Other people

You are bringing hell up into your marriage

2. When we bring
 - a. Love
 - b. Grace
 - c. Compliment
 - d. Patience
 - e. Forgiveness
 - f. Truth

You bring heaven down into your marriage

V. What your marriage needs when you turn on each other

- A. Grace and humility
- B. Gentleness and kindness
- C. Love – that speaks, seeks, assures

VI. What doesn't work in marriage

- A. Hiding, stuffing, our emotions
 1. Creates passive aggression
 2. Destroys intimacy
 3. Kills romance
- B. Rejecting your spouse, shutting down
- C. Revenge, pay back
- D. Fighting sin with sin
 1. Hate with hate
 2. Bitterness with bitterness
 3. Punishing with punishing
 4. Insensitivity with insensitivity

VII. What we can't forget in marriage

- A. Marriage is a Spiritual Union
 - 1. Needs the Spirit of God
 - 2. It needs Scripture
 - 3. It needs saving Grace
- B. Marriage honors God
- C. Marriage is to have fun
 - 1. Most men want their wives in their world
 - 2. Men open to their friends
 - 3. Men never open more than when having fun
 - 4. Men shut down in criticism
 - 5. Women want things to be meaningful and spark conversation
 - 6. Women don't consider it a date unless there is planning, effort and veto power
 - 7. Schedule it, make it priority, make it happen

**Protect Your Marriage
Glorify God**