

Outline – February 20, 2022
Genesis 3:1-9; Ephesians 6:10-12
Revelation 12:7-9
Fighting For Your Marriage

What Most People Miss...
There Was A Wedding Then There Was A War

- I. **Spiritual warfare is real, and it impacts our marriage**
 - A. You have an enemy, but it's not your spouse
 - B. Four persons are impacting your marriage
 - 1. Husband
 - 2. Wife
 - 3. Lord Jesus
 - 4. Satan
 - C. What God builds Satan seeks to break
 - D. Most of the problems we have in our world come from an arena we don't see
 - E. We often forget that there is a visible and an invisible world
 - 1. Both are realities
 - 2. Like gravity they impact our lives
- II. **The spiritual family**
 - A. The spiritual family
 - 1. Found in book of Job and Revelation created by God
 - 2. Angelic realm, hosts of heaven, angels mentioned over 300 times
 - 3. Demonic beings (fallen angels)
 - 4. War occurring for the souls of humanity
 - 5. Division, deception, destruction unlike we have seen in decades
 - B. The only hope: The healing grace of God
- III. **So, what happened?**
 - A. God built a family in the unseen spiritual realm
 - 1. Satan sought to break that family – (Rev. 12:7-9)
 - 2. Jesus said, "I saw Satan cast out of heaven like lightening" – (Luke 10:18)
 - 3. War occurred in the heavenly realm
 - B. War then came to the earthly realm
- IV. **Points and principles we must understand**
 - A. In a war the primary target is the leadership
 - 1. Satan targets leadership
 - a. Government
 - b. Church
 - c. Family

- B. A family in God's presence is not immune from Satanic attack
 - 1. Most Christian parents haven't failed
 - 2. But all have been attacked
 - C. It's not enough to be in God's presence...
 - 1. God's presence must be in you
 - 2. This battle is the problem behind the problem
 - D. God made a family in the "unseen" realm
 - E. God made a family in the seen realm
 - 1. Satan attacked
 - 2. Showed up after they were married
- V. **The "original" setting for humanity and marriage**
 - A. God and humanity walked together
 - B. Spiritual and physical realm were united
 - C. Heaven and earth united
 - D. No death
 - E. Only 1 rule
 - F. Everything as it was designed to be
- VI. **The tempter showed up**
 - A. Doubt of God's word
 - B. Began with Eve
 - C. Adam was there
 - D. Adam said nothing, Adam did nothing
 - E. The battle began and was lost
 - 1. When men are silent and passive about spiritual realities, principles, problems, your family is impacted
 - 2. We are to provide & protect
 - 3. We are either leading our families to the Lord or away from the Lord
 - 4. The problem: Adam took no responsibility
 - F. The couple then tried to hide from God
 - 1. You say stupid things
 - 2. You do stupid things when you try to hide from God
 - G. God then calls out to Adam
 - 1. He was the one responsible
 - 2. He was to provide and protect
- VII. **The first question ...**
 - A. Where are you?
 - 1. With your spouse
 - 2. Children
 - 3. Church
 - 4. God

- B. Adam “plays the victim”
 - 1. “You made the woman”
 - 2. “She ate something, fed it to me”
- C. Eve “the devil made me do it”

VIII. Some questions we must all ask

- A. Where has Satan shown up in your marriage?
- B. What has Satan been saying to you about your marriage?
- C. How have you been “blame shifting”?
- D. Where are you?
- E. Who is leading your family?
- F. Are you aware of the impact of your decisions?
- G. What is your forbidden fruit?

IX. The hope

- A. Found in Genesis 3:15
 - 1. First mention of Messiah
- B. He brings grace to the human family
- C. He brings sacrificial love
 - 1. Takes responsibility for our mistakes
- D. Can’t fix your life or marriage without Jesus
- E. We have an enemy we can’t defeat (only Jesus can)
- F. Let Jesus renew, restore, redeem your life and marriage

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