

Desperate for Purity among Depravity

Judges 19

- I. The Disintegration of Marriage: Guard the purity and unity of marriage (Judges 19:1-8)
 - A. *Concubine* – The Levite had multiple women in his life (1)
 - B. *Unfaithful* – The Levite’s concubine had multiple men in her life and went home (2-3).
 - Good marriages are always pure and exclusive.
 - C. *Eating and Drinking* – The Levite cared more about his relationship with the concubine’s dad than with her (4-8).
 - In good marriages the marriage is the priority.
- II. Our Dangerous Assumption: Understand that sexual sin is not just the world’s problem (Judges 19:9-22)
 - A. The Levite avoided the city of Jebus because he assumed an Israelite city was safer and had better morals (9-13).
 - B. Only a man from Ephraim was hospitable to him (14-21).
 - C. The men of Gibeah demand sexual gratification from the man visiting town (22).
 - Knowledge of God is no guarantee of godliness.
- III. The Downward Spiral: Turn from all impurity, because sexual sin only worsens (Judges 19:23-30)
 - A. Rape: The Ephraimite and Levite tolerated the rape of women (23-25).
 - There is nothing right about accepting the “lesser of evils.”
 - B. Murder: The Levite’s concubine dies (26-28).
 - Immorality only gets worse (Romans 1:24-28; James 1:14-15)
 - C. Mutilation and outrage: The Levite sent pieces of her body to the 12 tribes who responded in outrage (29-30)

<p style="text-align: center;">The Path to Purity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Commitment to applying God’s word (Psalm 119:9)2. Commitment to mental purity, not just physical (Matthew 5:28-30)3. Commitment to purity in response to God (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)
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