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Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Twelve • 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 God's Will for Our Sexual Purity

Walk This Way

Sexual purity is not only pleasing to God; it is GOD'S WILL for our lives as believers in Jesus Christ.

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.
1 Thessalonians 4:1-3

God's Will for Our Sexual Purity

1. The Crisis: Our Culture Is Dominated and Decimated by Sexual IMMORALITY!

What Is Sexual Immorality?

Sexual immorality refers to ANY FORM of illicit sexual activity outside of what is prescribed by God in His word (encompasses sins of the mind and heart, eyes and body, and includes such sins as pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, homosexuality, polygamy, and pornography).

Why Is Sexual Immorality Wrong?

Sexual immorality DISREGARDS God and His will for our sexual purity (v. 8).

2. The Call: Please God by Walking in HOLINESS!

What Is Sanctification?

Sanctification is the process of becoming HOLY: separated from sin and devoted to God, and thus pleasing to God (v. 3).

A Walk that Pleases God (Three Commands)

- God's will is that you ABSTAIN from sexual immorality (v. 3).
- God's will is that you CONTROL your body and passions in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like unbelievers (v. 4-5).
- God's will is that you HONOR the dignity of people by not sinning against or taking advantage of them in sexual immorality (v. 6).

3. The Challenge: Pursue Sexual Purity by Knowing GOD!

Three Things to Know About God (Three Motivations)

- Know the PUNISHMENT of God: the Lord Jesus is the avenger (v. 6).
- Know the PURPOSE of God: the Father saved us in holiness (v. 7).
- Know the POWER of God: the Spirit is our present help (v. 8).

Grace for the Sexually Impure

God will make you PURE when you turn from your sin and accept His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9