

## SERMON NOTES - 3.24.19

**SERMON SERIES:** Sermon On The Mount

**SERMON TITLE:** *"Purity In Today's World"*

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."*

Matthew 5:27-30

### **1. The Call For Purity (v. 27)**

### **2. The Path To Purity (v. 29)**

*"The thought hit me like a bell rung in a dark, silent hall. So far, none of the scary, negative arguments against lust had succeeded in keeping me from it . . . But here was a description of what I was missing by continuing to harbor lust: I was limiting my own intimacy with God. The love he offers is so transcendent and possessing that it requires our faculties to be purified and cleansed before we can possibly contain it. Could he, in fact, substitute another thirst and another hunger for the one I had never filled? Would Living Water somehow quench lust?"*

- John Piper

### **3. The Call For Purity In Marriage**

*"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."*

Matthew 5:31-33

*“When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house,<sup>2</sup> and if she goes and becomes another man's wife... “*

Deuteronomy 24:1-2

- 1. Divorce is not God's ideal.**
- 2. Divorce is permissible for sexual unfaithfulness but not commanded.**
- 3. Divorce is permissible when a Christian spouse is abandoned by a spouse.**