

Intro:

Main Point of Text: The marriage bed is honorable and must be kept undefiled (Heb. 13:4) to respect family and life.

Sermon Point: *Live Clean, Respectful Lives.*

Move 1: Respect clean living in your bedroom.

Vs. 19: husbands must have *no* sexual relations with their wives during her menstrual cycle; must hold back during his wife's "time of month" (See also, Lev. 15:19, 24; 20:18). It's not holy, pleasant, respectful. Gen. 31:33-35. Isa. 64:6: *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags [lit. "garments of menstruation"]* ... So should we discard any sexual relations that God says is sinfully unclean: even in marriage during a woman's menstrual cycle.

Move 2: Respect clean living in your neighbor's bedroom.

Vs. 20: no sexual relations with anyone else's wife (See also, Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22). This is the 7th Commandment (Ex. 20:14). Concerned w/ not using others. But notice, "defile *thyself*": you abuse *you* too. Pr. 6:23-29. 7th Commandment begins w/ 10th: David/Bathsheba, 1 Sam. 11, Ps. 101:2-3: *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way ... I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes ... Visual voyeurism is adultery, which is eternally deathly: Mt. 5:27-29; 6:22-23. 1 Cor. 6: Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators ... nor adulterers ... shall inherit the kingdom of God ... Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.* (Vss. 9-10, 18).

Move 3: When you disrespect clean, sexual living, it leads to dirtied lives and death upon others.

Vs. 19 w/ Lev. 17: blood, the source of life/redeemed lives is to be respected (not to do so was punished with death). All of life, including sex, should be reverent. Vs. 20: risks/takes lives. Heb., "not lie carnally with" is literally, "not give copulation yours for seed", like vss. 21-23; spawning bastards, killing sons, causing confusion in family. As members of Christ's Body, the Church, His Holy Bride, be faithful to Jesus your Holy Husband by being faithful to your spouses, families, and church. Ezek. 18:5-9. Even 1 Cor. 7:5 allows for martial restraint for spiritual growth: restraint shows respect and keeps life clean, safe.

Conclusion:

Heb. 13:4: *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

Live Clean, Respectful Lives.