

## PM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Hebrews 13: 4*

**Title:** *Guarding Marriage*

**Central Truth:** The marriage relationship between a husband and wife is holy, pure and is to be protected.

### **I. v. 4a: The Preciousness of Marriage**

KJV - **honorable, honor** - This word could be translated as precious! It means to be valuable, to be costly, to be of great price or worth. This same word is used in 1st Peter 1:19 to describe Jesus' blood! Marriage is not a human invention for God Himself thought it up and implemented it (*cf. Genesis 2:18*).

Scripture is crystal clear that homosexuality is not an option for true Christians (*cf. Genesis 19; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1: 26-27; 1st Corinthians 6: 9-11; 1st Timothy 1:10*).

There are two main reasons God gave us the gift of marriage:

1. *propagation*
2. *protection and pleasure*

### **II. v. 4b: The Purity of Marriage**

The word translated as **bed** is a Biblical euphemism referring to sexual intercourse between a husband and wife. KJV - **undefiled**, NIV - **pure** - It means to be free from contamination. It describes things unstained or unpolluted by sin (*cf. Hebrews 7:26*). The physical relationship in marriage is holy, pleasing and pure in God's sight!

### **III. v. 4c: The Perversion of Marriage**

KJV - **whoremongers**, NASB - **fornicators**, NIV - **sexually immoral** (Greek-*pornos*). This gives us words like porno or pornography. It refers to any kind of sexual activity outside of marriage. The author emphatically warns that both sins will be judged by God. We cannot break God's laws without suffering painful, unwanted consequences.