

## Beware the Wolf

- 1. Beware the wolf!
- 2. Beware the wolf in your own body and soul, men!
  - A. There is within the nature of man an animal on the hunt.
  - B. How do you handle this wolf within?
  - C. If you are to be equipped as a man to love your wife and family, you must understand the spiritual struggle in this area of life and God's way of caging that wolf and transforming a user into a Christ-centered lover.
- **Appropriate sexual attraction is rooted in a God-created union.**
  - 1. God created man in the beginning with both male and female in one body.
    - Gen. 1:27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
    - Gen. 2:21-24 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
  - 2. There is a God-created need within us, men, to be whole and united with a woman physically.
  - 3. That drive within us which is appropriate is rooted in a God-given union.
  - 4. This dimension of our sexuality is obviously ignored and unrecognized in the world's view.
- **There is a spiritual power struggle between men and women.**
  - 1. The stage for the struggle was obviously set when God separated Eve from Adam.
  - 2. But the wolf is let out of its cage to roam in a young man who is not called out by his father.
  - 3. In a society such as ours where the women hold the power over wounded men, the spiritual struggle is intense.
    - A. Women know they are gods.
    - B. Eventually women expect to be served.
    - C. Women know about this power struggle between men and women.
    - D. The world capitalizes on this struggle.
  - 4. Men who do not understand God's purpose and the spiritual aspect of sexual attraction can be powerfully manipulated by women. Prov. 6 and 7
  - What is God's purpose for the power struggle?
- **The power struggle between a man and a woman is to lead a man to encounter God, as his father.**
  - 1. The power struggle should have led us to our fathers.
  - 2. The reality for most men, is that the struggle led us to our peers and the world.
  - 3. Ultimately the power struggle will lead us to encounter God as father.
- **If we're to cage the wolf and be transformed from a user into a lover, we must realize and experience the truth that life and power are in God, our Father.**
  - 1. A man locks the door to the wolf's cage when he find life in the Father, God.
  - 2. What does one do when the wolf growls? How is one transformed from a user-wolf to a giver-lover?
    - A. First, realize the call of the wolf is a call to worship Jesus Christ.
    - B. Acknowledge to God our desires and ask Him what He wants to teach you about yourself and about Him.
    - C. Make your confession before God and acknowledge your identity as an act of worship.

- D. Then ask God to fill you with His love as you worship the Lord Jesus.
    - 1. Confess the gospel truths, and the promises of God.
    - 2. Thank Him.
    - 3. Meditate on how you may love your wife as Christ loves His body, the church. How has He loved you?
  - E. The fulfillment experienced in the physical union is a picture of the spiritual union for which we hope and long in Jesus Christ.
  - F. As God, through the Holy Spirit, brings to mind what you are to do to love your wife, do it with joy.
  - G. As we learn to recognize and cage the wolf in our own lives, we are being equipped to detect the wolves which lie in wait for our wives and daughters and the spiritual wolves in sheep clothing who will come into the church and ravage the body of Christ and the spirit of unity there.
- **What about the wolf?**
    - Beware of the wolf. If you are a son of God, you are not powerless against him. When you hear the call of the wild...
    - 1. Recognize the spiritual nature of the struggle.
    - 2. Acknowledge your need.
    - 3. Confess your idolatry.
    - 4. Stand in your faith and turn to your heavenly Father in worship.