

Singleness or Marriage?

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

(series #29)

Intro: the commonness of persecution for God's people

- I. The introduction into the new section v. 25**
 - A. The term “virgins” - those never married**
 - B. “I have no commandment from the Lord”**
 - cf. verses 10-12, Jn 16:12-13

- II. The unique circumstances in that day v. 26**
 - A. An unspecified, distressing situation**
 - B. The encouragement to stay as is**

- III. The clarification of staying as is vv. 27-28**
 - A. If you are married, stay married**
 - B. If you are “loosed” from marriage**
 - 1. “Loosed” based on Matt. 19:9, 1 Cor. 7:15**
 - 2. Don't seek marriage**
 - a. Because of the present distress**
 - b. Trust the sovereignty of God**
 - C. However, you are free to marry v. 28**
 - D. If you do, you will have difficulties or adjustments**

- IV. The priority of eternal perspective vv. 29-31**
 - A. Marriage should not be all consuming v. 29**
 - B. Nothing in life should be all consuming vv. 30-31**

Conclusion: Use your situation for the glory of Christ