

LECTURE #9

Giving Hope & Help to those Struggling to have Children

I. Miscarriage

A. Terminology: Medical

B. Miscarriage Frequency

C. Common Problems

1. Marital discord
2. Physical realities
3. Emotional challenges
4. Fear of future pregnancy

D. Biblical principles

1. Eternal destiny
2. Mind and heart over your emotions
3. Expressing grief without going into depression or despair
4. Trusting the sovereignty of a good God

II. Infertility

A. Terminology: Medical

B. Treatment options

1. Nothing
2. Fertility drugs – Oral and injection
3. IVF
4. Surrogacy
5. Donor eggs / sperm
6. Adoption
 - a. Embryonic
 - b. Child

C. Common concerns

1. Blaming one's partner
2. A child as an idol
 - a. All options available (even unbiblical ones)
 - b. Destroy intimacy to maximize pregnancy

D. Biblical principles

1. Biblical goal to please God
2. Importance of the marital union
3. Trust in the sovereignty of a good God
4. Financial stewardship
5. Stewardship of time

Conclusion