

MARRIAGE: All God's Idea

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Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. **21** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

I. FOUNDATIONAL BASIS: Marriage is God's Doing.

A) Marriage was God's Design.

Genesis 1:27-28

No other creature was suitable. (2:19-20)

The woman was the specially designed fit.

B) God gave away the first Bride.

Genesis 2:22 — *and brought her to the man*

C) God spoke the marriage design into existence.

Genesis 2:24

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother
and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Jesus believed Genesis... Luke 24:44 writer is Moses.

But, Matthew 19:4-5 reveals that God is the one
speaking in Genesis 2:24 recorded by Moses.

D) God performs the marriage or ‘one-flesh union’.

Genesis 2:24— *and they shall become one flesh*

God made woman. (vs 21) God made marriage. (vs 24)

Implicit in Genesis 2:24

Explicit in Mark 10:8-9

*8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no
longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined
together, let not man separate.”*

God is the joiner, not husband and wife.

Not understanding this leads to casual commitment.

Matthew 19:4-5

4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the
beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, ‘Therefore a man
shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the
two shall become one flesh’?

Samuel J. Stone — The Church’s One Foundation

The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

II. ULTIMATE PURPOSE: Marriage is for God’s Glory.

Connect Genesis 2:24 with Ephesians 5:31-31

Ephesians 5:31-32

*31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast
to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is
profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

Human relationships are designed by God
to be a reflection of our relationship with God.
And they are not merely an image but a reality.

Marriage is patterned after Christ’s covenant
commitment to the Church.

Christ is the bride-groom; the Church is the bride.
(Matthew 9:15; 25:1; John 3:29; 2 Cor 11:2)

Christ would forever secure His bride through His blood.
Luke 22:20 — His oath, His covenant, His blood

God gave marriage to show us His love and glory.