

AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE

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GENESIS 2:18-25

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.

The most foundational thing to see from the Bible about marriage is that it is God's doing.

John Piper

1) Marriage is God's doing.

A) Marriage is designed by God .

Genesis 1:27-28 and 2:21-25

B) God made and gave away the first bride .

Genesis 2:22 and he brought her to the man

C) God spoke marriage into existence -- just as He did the rest of creation.

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D) GOD, not man, performs the first one-flesh union .

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Mark 10:8-9 (Jesus speaking)

6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, 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."

Marriage is from God, it is through God and it is for God.

Marriage is for God's glory .

God designed it to teach us about Him. It puts God on display to us.

Through it we learn about...

- His self-sacrifice,
- His forgiveness,
- His grace,
- His mercy,
- His care,
- His patience,
- His service,
- His joy of creation,
- His committed love,

Ephesians 5:31-33

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. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Revelation 19:6-10 (the marriage of Christ with His bride in heaven)

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

8 it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

KEY PRINCIPLES FOR MARRIAGE/FAMILY:

- 1) By God's design, the husband-wife relationship is the FIRST SOCIAL relationship established in all of Scripture.
- 2) By God's design, the husband-wife relationship is primary in the network of ALL OTHER relationships.
- 3) The husband-wife relationship must be viewed as the PRIMARY relationship in the family.
- 4) Since marriage is the priority relationship, all other relationships must be subject to it.

Satan attacks the survival of every marriage because it represents God's design. He does this in many different ways...

- 1) Other 'lovers'.
- 2) Other idols.
- 3) CHILD-CENTERED parenting...
 - it attacks the husband-wife relationship.
 - it deforms the godly development of the child
 - it fosters family independence instead of family interdependence
 - it increases the natural self-centeredness of the child instead of moral

Developing a biblical Marriage/Family/Child balance:

- 1) encourages godliness to all family members
- 2) allows the demands of life to continue even when children come
- 3) facilitates God's commands to worship, love others and share Christ.

FOUNDATIONAL REMINDER:

The development of our Marriages and our Parenting will profoundly impact the future marriage and parenting of our children.

Key Questions:

- Will we protect them from the wickedness of the world?
- Will we teach them the doctrines of God's Word?
- Will we model for them life-wisdom of God's Word?