

The World's First Marriage

(Genesis 2:18-24)

Unfortunately, biblical marriage is becoming obsolete in our society. This can be seen in a variety of different ways (ex: gay marriage, divorce, fewer couples are being married today than ever before).

Let's remind ourselves of where our culture has gone wrong with this sacred relationship. Let's go back to the beginning and consider the world's first marriage. By studying the marriage between Adam and Eve, we learn some fundamental things about marriage.

I. A lesson about origin

- A. Marriage is God's creation (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 2:18-24).
 - 1. God made marriage in the beginning.
 - 2. God created marriage and it was good like everything else.
- B. Since God created marriage, that means He has the right to set the rules for it!

II. A lesson about order

- A. Jesus taught the Pharisees about God's original intent for marriage (Matthew 19:3-9).
 - 1. One man and one woman (vs. 4)
 - 2. Be "joined" or cleave to one another (vs. 5)
 - 3. Become one flesh (vs. 5)
 - 4. Man is the head of the wife (Ephesians 5:22-24).
 - 5. The woman is to be a helpmate to the husband (Genesis 2:18).
- B. What is not part of God's order?
 - 1. Cohabit sharing
 - 2. Same sex marriage
 - 3. Divorce without scriptural cause (Matthew 19:9)
 - 4. Marrying someone who has been put away for sexual immorality (Luke 16:18).

III. A lesson about permanency

- A. Marriage is to be a life long commitment! See Matthew 19:6; Romans 7:2 1 Corinthians 7:39
- B. The language "joined together" means when two people marry God glues them together; they are bound together by God in a permanent relationship.

IV. A lesson about sexual intimacy

- A. This is good, honorable, and proper when kept in the marriage bed. See Genesis 1:28; 2:24-25.
- B. God doesn't approve of pornography, fornication, and adultery (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

V. A lesson about purpose

- A. Marriage reveals the glory of God !
- B. We have to make sure we glorify God in our marriages (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Conclusion: God made marriage to benefit mankind in this life. While you don't have to get married to go to heaven, you do have to become part of the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:29-32). Have you?

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