

A Biblical Perspective of Marriage

Genesis 2:18-24

I. Marriage was instituted by God.

A. Marriage is for a Purpose. (v. 18)

1. To provide companionship

It is not good that the man should be alone

- Malachi 2:14

2. To help one another

I will make him an help meet for him

3. To carry on the human race

- Genesis 1:27-28

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth

B. Marriage is to be Monogamous.

(v. 18) *I will make him an help meet*

- Ephesians 5:31

C. Marriage is to be Heterosexual.

(v. 22) *...made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

D. Marriage is very Good.

- Genesis 1:27, 31

- (v. 31) *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.*

II. Marriage is a Growing Relationship.

- Genesis 2:24

A. Marriage involves Leaving.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother

The leaving is more than geographical leaving.

1. It means your spouse comes first.
2. It means assuming financial responsibility.

B. Marriage involves Cleaving.
and shall cleave unto his wife

C. Marriage involves Weaving.
and they shall be one flesh

- ❖ The three words - *leaving, cleaving, & weaving* - present the idea of permanency.
- Matthew 19:5-6

III. Marriage is a Picture.

- Ephesians 5:31

❖ Marriage is a sacred picture of the magnificent and beautiful union between Jesus Christ and His church.

A. It is a picture of God's authority structure in the church.

- Ephesians 5:23
- I Corinthians 11:3

B. It is a picture of the church's submission to Christ.

- Ephesians 5:24

C. It is a picture of Christ's love for the church.

- Ephesians 5:25
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