

# Singleness and the Marriage Covenant

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Review:

## I. Singleness in Old Testament<sup>1</sup>

### A. Introductory

### B. Categories of Singles

1. Widows
  - a. Tough place (2 Ki. 4:1)
  - b. Remarriage pretty much expected (Ruth 1:5, 8, 11-13)
  - c. Special object of God's care:
    - i. Exod 22:22-24
  
    - ii. Deut. 10:18; 14:29; 16:11, 14; 24:19-21
  
    - iii. Pss. 68:5; 146:9
    - iv. Isa. 1:17
    - v. Jer. 22:3
2. Eunuchs
  - a. Est. 2:3, 14-15
  - b. For Jews, this would have been a bad place (Deut. 23:1)
3. Unable for various reasons (conjectural)
4. Specific divine call (Jer. 16:1-4)
  
5. Divorced (Deut. 24:1-4)
6. Not-yet-married young folks

## II. Singleness in New Testament

### A. Introductory

### B. Categories

## III. Thinking About Getting Married

### A. A Popular Model

1. Assumptions:

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<sup>1</sup> A lot of material on singleness is from *God, Marriage and Family*, by Andreas Kostenberger, with David W. Jones (Crossway: 2004, 2010)

2. Implications

3. Further reading: my articles at Pyromaniacs ([www.teampyro.blogspot.com](http://www.teampyro.blogspot.com))

- a. “Non Sola Scriptura: the Blackaby view of God’s will – 1”
- b. “Non Sola Scriptura: the Blackaby view of God’s will – 2”
- c. “Book review – *How Then Should We Choose*, edited by Douglas S. Huffman”

**B. A More Biblical Model**

1. What to know

- a. Gen. 1:1
  
- b. Prov. 16:1, 3, 9
  
- c. Eph. 1:11
  
- d. 2 Tim. 3:15-17

2. What to do

- a. Generally:
  - i. Deut. 6:4-6
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - ii. John 8:31-32
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - iii. Prov. 16:1, 3, 9
  
- b. Specifically: 1 Cor. 7