

God's Design For Marriage

Introductory Perspectives on Marriage:

1. Origin of problems in marriage
2. The family under attack
3. The overall effect
4. The Church of Jesus Christ has lasting answers and must proclaim them!

I. Contemporary presuppositions and God's design

A. Secular theories and marriage

B. Scripture theology and marriage (Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19; Mark 10; Ephesians 5)

II. Christian presuppositions and God's design (Genesis 1:27, 31)

A. Celibacy (cf. 1 Corinthians 7:7, 26)

- B. Marriage is not to be _____!
- C. Sex and procreation
- D. Marriage is not to compete with human options or substitutes.
- E. Marriage is the picture of Christ's relationship to His Bride, the Church

III. Creation theology and the original design (Genesis 2:18-23)

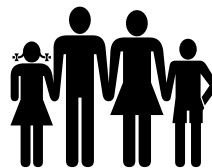
- A. Original purpose of marriage (Genesis 2:18)
Hebrew, "to be alone"
- B. Original partners in marriage (Genesis 2:19-23)
Hebrew, "suitable helper"

IV. Covenantal bond in marriage

- A. A covenant (Proverbs 2:17; Malachi 2:14)
Hebrew, "covenant"
- B. The essential unity of marriage (Genesis 2:24)

1. Leave

- a. parent/child relationship



- b. husband/wife relationship



2. Cleave

3. One flesh