

"Marriage or Madness"

Genesis – Book of beginnings - Book of Change

I. God's design. Gen 1:24-31; 2:4-25; 3:1-24

A. God created man and woman as equal partners.

1. Gen 1:26 They were both to rule over all the animals of the earth.
2. Gen 1:27 Each were created in the image of God. "him-them"
3. Gen 1:28 Both were blessed by God and were told to fill the earth and subdue it.
4. Gen.2:18 Woman was created for companionship.
Woman was created as a suitable helper for completeness.
5. Gen 2:24 "one flesh" Monogamous, indivisible number.
6. Gen. 3:6 "her husband with her"

II. The Fall from God's design. Gen. 3:6

III. Changes from the Fall – The Curse

- A. Satan Gen 3:14,15
- B. Woman Gen 3:16
- C. Man Gen 3:17-19
- D. Earth Gen 3:17b-18

IV. Woman's Curse. Gen 3:16

- A. Pain in childbirth
- B. Power struggle in the marriage. "desire" – to control him.
Gen.4:7 "desire"
"rule over" – to dominate her.

V. Roles of husbands and wives today.

A. Husbands

1. Eph. 5:21-33
 - a. Under the fear (reverence) of Christ. v.21
 - b. Love- "agapao" v.25 "just as Christ loved", "gave Himself up for her".
 - c. Spiritual Leadership v.26,27
 - d. "leave and cleave" – "leave" physically, emotionally, financially, religiously.
"cleave" – means "welded" – speaks of permanence and security.
2. Col. 3:17-19
 - a. "do not be embittered" Sometimes wives don't fulfill their role.
3. 1 Peter 3:7
 - a. "an understanding way" – The Greek word indicates "investigative knowledge"
 - b. "grant her honor" – listen and consider what she has to say.

B. Wives

1. Eph. 5:21-24; Col. 3:18
 - a. "be subject" v.22,24 Greek word "hupotasso" means "to place or rank under", "to obey".
2. Eph. 5:33
 - a. "respect her husband" – Greek word is "phobeo"

This word is found 91 times in NASB. This is the only place it is translated “respect”. 90 times it is translated in some form of “fear”. It is the same Greek word that tells us to “fear” God. So it means to see the husband in his rightful position as “head over the woman”.

VI. N.T. passages that show these two different roles.

A. I Cor. 11:3-16

“hair” or “head covering” is a metaphor for being under authority. V.10

B. I Cor. 14:34,35 The context of these verses is the spiritual gift of “speaking in tongues”.

C. I Cor. 2:9-15 Paul says women are not to “teach or exercise authority over a man” in the church.

D. I Tim. 3:1-13 Leadership in the church (elders and Deacons) is to be from men.

VII. Other issues.

A. Permanency of marriage between one man and one woman. Matt.19:4-8; Deut. 23:21; Mal. 2:14

B. Sexual relationship I Cor. 7:1-5 Do not deprive one another. Do not use sex as a means to control the mate or to get what you want.

VIII. God’s steps to successful marriage.

A. United purposes (Life Goals) Phil. 3:10-14

B. United Bodies

C. United Souls (minds, wills, emotions)

D. United Spirits II Cor. 6:14

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THE BEST EXPLANATION OF MARRIAGE



Model of a complete family

Maturity

Transition

A new family

"THIS IS WHY A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BECOMES ATTACHED TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH"

Complement

GENESIS 2: 24

A process of learning, friendship and trust

Deep intimacy between two people