

Marriage - It Takes Two Genesis 2:21-25

God Designed Marriage

Marriage is the joining of a man and woman into a single unit. God designed marriage in the beginning because he knew that man could not be alone on earth. When the creation of man and animals was completed, God showed to Adam that there was not a suitable partner for him - **Genesis 2:15-20**

Once man realized he was alone God formed woman from man. She was taken from his side near the heart. This is symbolic of the place she should have in man's life. She is a helper not a servant or leader. God then instructed man regarding the marriage relationship. God states it in this manner leave father mother cleave unto wife - **Genesis 2:21-25**

Since God has designed the relationship between husband and wife we must simply submit. We must also prescribe to God's instruction when we look for solutions to the problems that may arise in a marriage. God stated that a man and woman are joined into one in marriage. Can man separate that which God has joined? Certainly not! Jesus tells us what God has joined man should not put asunder - **Matthew 19:3-6**

Marriage is for life. A marriage can be ended in only one manner and still be pleasing to God. That way is with the death of one of the partners. Any other division in a marriage involves sin. Any divorce (division) in a marriage is of man's doing not God's. God's plan did not include separation. Man and woman were made for one another - **Matthew 19:4**

God designed the marriage relationship, and we must abide by His design.

Not For Everyone

1Corinthians 7:7-9

1Corinthians 7:25-28

1Corinthians 7:32-35

"As unto the bow the cord is, So unto the man is woman; Though she bends him she obeys him, Useless each without the other!" -- Longfellow - HIAWATHA

He Leads

Ephesians 5:22-24

1Corinthians 11:8-9

1Peter 3:1-6

Colossians 3:18

Titus 2:3-5

She Is Valued

Ephesians 5:25-30

1Peter 3:7

Colossians 3:19

They Are One

Ephesians 5:31

Genesis 2:23-24

Matthew 19:4-6

Ephesians 5:33

Solemn Life Commitment

1Corinthians 7:1-5

1Corinthians 7:39

Ephesians 5:33