

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF MARRIAGE

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WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE MAKE?

- We are learning Biblical Perspective on:
 - Communication
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Personalities
 - Love Languages
 - Marriage
 - Sexual Intimacy
 - Finances
- The most contrary topic to the world's perspective on these topics is the perspective on marriage.



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE MAKE?

- Each of us has a choice to make:
 - God's design for your life (and marriage)
 - Self-directed paths
- Paul wrote a significant part of the New Testament in the Bible, and he struggled with the same choice. Romans 7 & 8.
- Non-Biblical or anti-Biblical perspectives of marriage include:
 1. No marriage at all, not any commitments
 2. Marriage as long as **I** am happy with things (completely self-focused and self-pleasing)
 3. Same-sex Marriage

BIBLE'S PERSPECTIVE:

- Perfect Partner: Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”
 - The term “suitable” literally means “fits like a suit.” There are many ways a man and a woman can complement each other, but one of the clearest ways is sexually. God’s plan.

Satan’s contradictory plan is same-sex marriage.

BIBLE'S PERSPECTIVE:

- Permanent Partner: Matthew 19:4-6 “Haven’t you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”
 - God is clear that marriage is intended to be permanent. Later in the passage, Jesus says that he hates divorce. These are strong words that should not be taken lightly.

Satan’s plans are living together while unmarried, being unfaithful (adultery), divorce

BIBLE'S PERSPECTIVE:

- Dependent Partner: I Corinthians 11:11-12 “In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.”
 - Healthy reliance on your spouse is a sign of a strong relationship.

Satan's plans are to live without regard for your spouse. Do not consider their wants, needs, goals and desires. Just roommates.

BIBLE'S PERSPECTIVE:

- Loving, Respectful, and Sacrificial Partner: Ephesians 5:31-33 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”
 - Read the book from Emerson Eggerich: Love and Respect (also on Right Now Media)
 - Marriage is a deep and fulfilling commitment to sacrificially serve your spouse.

Satan's plans are to only carry out self-serving plans and actions.

DISCUSSION TIME

- Discuss in your groups some practical ways to be a Sacrificial, Loving, Respectful partner.
- What do these things look like?
- What do they not look like?

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- Where did this all start?
- **Genesis 1:1**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God created all things. He knows our needs!

- **Genesis 1:27**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them: male and female, He created them.



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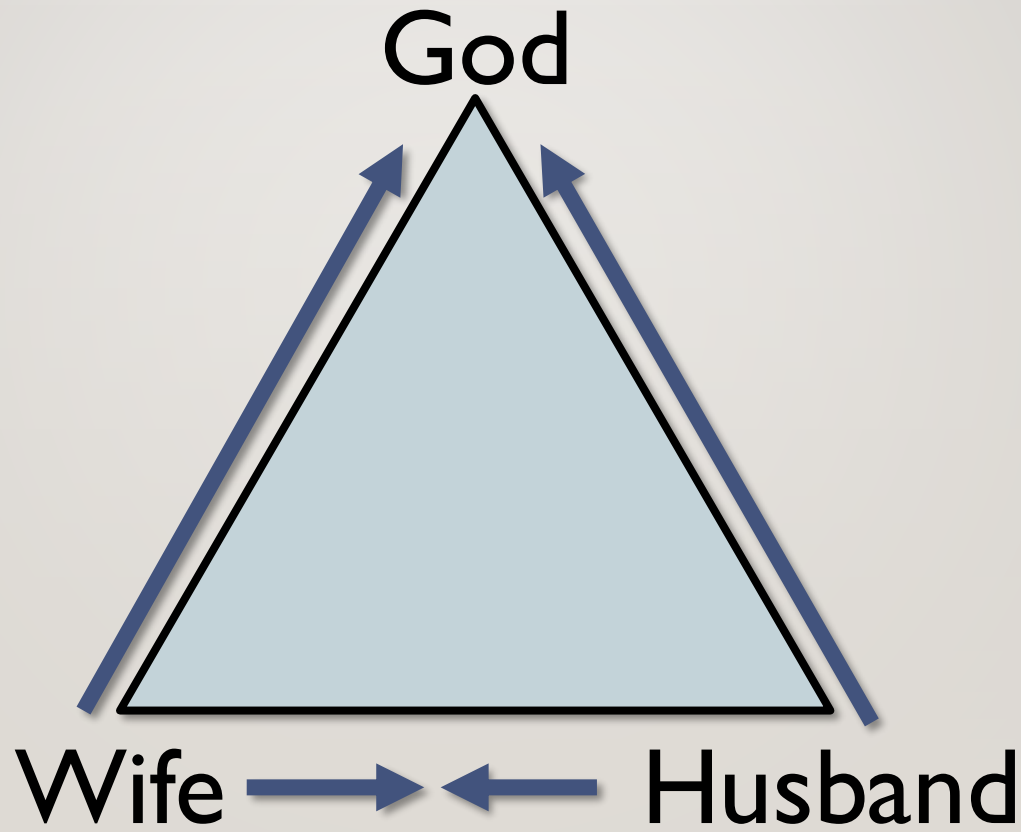
- Adam needed a helper, so God formed the woman from man
- Genesis 2:20-25

Marriage is instituted by God

- The man leaves his parents and publicly promises himself to his wife.
- The man and woman are joined together by taking responsibility for each other's welfare and loving their spouse above all others.
- The two become one flesh in the intimacy and commitment of sexual union that is reserved only for the marriage covenant.



A Biblical Perspective of Marriage: God's Blueprint



Marriage is a Holy Covenant. It is not just contract.

The Bible treats marriage as a covenant God joins, not a contract two people negotiate. A contract is an exchange of terms that can be ended when the deal no longer pays. A covenant is a binding promise made before God, meant to hold even when feelings or circumstances change.

	Contract	Biblical covenant
Basis	Mutual performance: “I will if you will.”	A vow before God: “I will, because I promised.”
Parties	Two people protecting their own interests.	Husband, wife, and God as witness and joiner (Malachi 2:14; Matthew 19:6).
Duration	Lasts while the terms are met or the benefit remains.	Meant for life: leave, cleave, and become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
Focus	Rights: what I am owed.	Duty and gift: what I owe, patterned on Christ’s love for the church (Ephesians 5:25–32).
Failure	Breach ends the agreement.	Sin wounds the bond; the call is repentance and faithfulness, not easy exit.
Standard	Fair exchange, often 50/50.	One-flesh union: the other’s good is now your own (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:28–29).
Security	Depends on the other person keeping up their end.	Rests on the promise and on God, who “hates divorce” as a tearing of covenant (Malachi 2:16).
Picture	A deal.	God’s steadfast love for his people, and Christ’s love for the church (Hosea; Ephesians 5:32).

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LOVE

- The goal of marriage is oneness or unity. A path to unity is to experience the three types of love as described in the Bible.
 - Agape – Unconditional Love
 - Phileo – Best Friend (Friendship Love)
 - Eros – Passionate Lovers

All 3 Together create oneness



LEAVING AND CLEAVING

- Genesis 2:24 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*
- Commit to some time together where your relationship is the focus of the time. Remove distractions. Go away if at all possible.

Cleave to your wife. Cleave means to bond in a way that makes two things one.



LEAVING AND CLEAVING



A FOCUSED FUN:

Take a little time to think of a plan you can implement to connect and cleave to each other.

What does it look like?

Where are you going?



A STRONG FOUNDATION:

Who can you change today? Only yourself.

Personal homework for the week:

1. Men are you in line with God?
2. Ladies are you in line with God?