

Leaving, Cleaving and Conceiving

"Be fruitful and multiply..." Genesis 1:28

The context:

Marriage

The command:

Reproduce

The conditions:

Man needs a wombed woman and a wombed woman needs a man, which God provided, along with His blessings, that they may fulfill the command within the context He provided.

The causality:

Man and his wombed woman are deceived and fall into sin. Their offspring are now tainted in every way with their sin, rebellion, and death.

The consequence:

Man begins to fulfill the command to be fruitful and multiply but his seed, which by design can only come through a wombed woman, starts diminishing, demoralizing, distorting, minimizing, or just plain neglecting God's context, God's command, and God's conditions, that He established from the beginning.

The Consolation:

God had already answered and prepared His solution to this tragic movement toward man doing life the way it seemed best. He chose to show them grace... and more specifically redeeming grace through a promise that He would provide, redeem, rescue, and restore fallen men and women through the very context and command He provided for which we have diminished and demoralized.

How?

I want to reiterate to you, as Moses reiterated to the people in his day, when he said, "A MAN shall leave his FATHER and MOTHER and be joined to his WIFE, and the two shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

Why is this significant and fundamental to God and those who know and follow Him?

Because it takes us back to the original context, command, and conditions found in the garden that

day. And because this picture of man and woman within God's context of marriage is directly related to the gospel. Marriage, within the context, condition, and command of God is the earthy illustration of the saving grace of Jesus. He (Jesus) leaving His Father came to sacrificially lay His life down for His bride (those washed in His blood) so that He and His bride (the church) may become one flesh and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth. And when humanity takes matters into their own hands with the issues of marriage they distort and diminish this glory of the Lord... before the eyes of their children and future generations (Micah 2:8).

We, His bride, also believe that His redeeming grace and forgiveness transform our lives NOT to be a group of flawless people but to be a bride that is free to trust and follow and be fruitful for Christ. And it's His truth, that consistently and diligently frees us from the lies we once believed to be true. His grace teaches us to deny ourselves and ungodliness and worldly lust and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age, as we look for our blessed hope and His glorious appearance. He redeems and washes us from every kind of lawless deed and purifies us for Himself and good work. So, I take this issue of redeeming grace seriously... its agenda has always been and always will be to teach us to say no to ourselves and say yes to Jesus. It instructs us on how to love and live in the light of His promised return.

So the design of marriage is not an issue of personal preference but one of principle that has its roots in the power and pleasure of Christ and the gospel of His redeeming grace.

The choice:

Let society redefine its take on life, marriage, and the gospel, or trust that God knows what's best, always has, and always will, for this generation and every generation to come.

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