

# Marriage

## God's Gift to Man Man's Gift to God

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### I. Marriage: An institution of God for man

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

### II. Ephesians 5: The right way to do marriage and the significance of marriage

#### A. Submission the key to Christianity and the key to a Christian marriage

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Mat 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Php 2:1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

Php 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Php 2:3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Php 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

#### B. The order of the relationship

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1Pe 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

1Pe 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1Pe 3:4 But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

1Pe 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

1Pe 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

### C. The significance of God's order where the wife submits to her husband

**Eph 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

**Eph 5:24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Mat 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Eze 16:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

Eze 16:4 And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

Eze 16:5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

Eze 16:6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.

Eze 16:7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.

Eze 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

Hos 2:20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as a* chaste virgin to Christ.

Son 3:1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

Son 3:2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

Son 3:3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

Son 3:4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

### D. The husbands role is to be the Christ of the relationship

**Eph 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Pro 5:15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well...

Pro 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Pro 5:19 *Let her be as the* loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Pro 5:20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

**E. The husband is responsible for the building up and purifying of his wife**

**Eph 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

**Eph 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**Eph 5:28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

**Eph 5:29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

**Rom 15:1** We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**Rom 15:2** Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

**Rom 15:3** For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

**Rom 15:5** Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

**Rom 15:6** That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gal 6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

**Gal 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**F. Marriage is our opportunity to paint the picture of Christ and His beloved people**

**Eph 5:30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

**Eph 5:31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

**Eph 5:32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

**Eph 5:33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.