

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ACCORDING TO GOD

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Greetings, friends, in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. Today, I want address this issue, *Marriage and family according to God*. In the light of the threat that the family is experiencing today, not only in our society – but around the world. We want to see God's view of marriage and family.

Genesis 2:21

²¹*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God has taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bone And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because She was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

PRAYER:

Father, in the light of the threat from the enemy, the threat to destroy the family, the fabric of society, we pray that this message will bring blessings in the lives of those who will hear, and correct certain things, certain errors, certain lies that the enemy has caused men and women to believe, in Jesus Name we pray. Amen!

Of three human institutions God established, marriage and family is the first and most fundamental. The other two are the government and the church respectively. Marriage and family constitute the foundation to these two. As a family goes so goes the government, as a family goes so goes the society and as a family goes so goes the church. It is no wonder the devil seeks to destroy the marriage and family. Same-sex marriage is the foremost tactical weapon that the devil is currently using. And he believes that the might of the United States and

the European Government will make his task easier. Same-sex marriage seeks to destroy marriage and family in three different ways: past, present and future.

- Same-sex marriage seeks to destroy family and family by denying the past. At the beginning of time, God made them male and female, and said, for this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
- Same-sex marriage seeks to destroy marriage and family by degrading the present, making marriage such an unnatural relationship that even animals will frown at. Isn't it degrading for a man to have sexual relationship with a fellow man in whom God has provided no sexual entrance but only exit? And exit – one of the exists they prefer is the exit for smelly rubbish.
- Same-sex marriage seeks to destroy marriage and family by endangering the future.

Human society, as we know it today, will cease to exist if same-sex marriage would have its way. Adam and Steve cannot produce any offspring, neither can Eve and Evelyn produce offspring. If we go that route, human society will come to an end. The secret of the survival and the success of marriage and family lies in sticking to the blueprint of the Chief Architect, God. His master plan is the only thing that ensures a successful marriage and family. First, the Architect saw, and met the need for marriage and family.

Genesis 2:18,21

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him..." ²²And the LORD God caused deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Unlike God, we sometimes or often see needs we cannot or will not meet. Marriage and family is God's idea in the first place.

How did God meet the need for marriage and family?

- He met the need, number one, personally. God did it Himself. He did not delegate this responsibility to an angel.

- Secondly, He met this need humanely. In verse 21, God performed a painless surgery on Adam to produce Eve. Why will yours be different? Why will yours be full of tears and sorrow? Go back to God, brother, and tell Him to make your marriage less painful.
- Thirdly, God met this need meaningfully.

Verses 21 and 22

²¹*Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from Man He made into a Woman, and He brought her to the Man.*

May I share with you a quote from Matthew Henry's commentary on Genesis 2:21-22. Matthew Henry says, that the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam, not made out of his head to rule over the man, over him; nor out of his feet or to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side – to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved.

That is beautiful, isn't it? Men should listen to this. Women should listen to this. There, you have the key of relationship in marriage.

- Fourthly, God met this need for marriage and family preciously.

Verse 22b

And He brought her to the man.

God brought Eve to Adam graciously in the sense that He didn't charge Adam a bride price. He gave him a wife freely. Some men pay through their nose to get a wife. What an unwise thing for parents of a bride to do to have a son-in-law who will always remind the wife that her father and mother took advantage of him. Adam was hilarious when he saw the beautiful gift God gave him. He became poetic when he 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.

Husband, how happy are you with the wife that God has given you? Or are you full of regret? Stick with the one that God has given you, and you will find something good in her. The Architect provided us with a user-friendly manual.

Verses 23,24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The man leaves father and mother, that is, the temporary relationship that God provided for raising a good child. That is the home. To raise someone else's husband, to raise someone else's wife, that is a temporary arrangement. He leaves father and mother, then, secondly, the man cleaves to his wife in a permanent relationship. It is a permanent relationship. Marriage is a permanent relationship. It is a monogamous relationship: one man one woman, not one man several wives or several women. It is an exclusive relationship. It is a transparent relationship with no embarrassing, hidden, or secret agenda. Some husbands and wife have secret agenda. Some of them when they come to light...very embarrassing indeed. The wife who raised money to build a house in her husband's home sometimes in the past many years ago did so by sleeping with men in town. Now the Architect provided us a Spiritual application. With this I will close.

Ephesians 5:28-32

²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ³⁰For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church

As important as marriage is, there is yet a more important relationship, the marriage between a sinner and Jesus Christ. For this relationship to take place, the sinner must leave father's and mother's sin: repentance, and cleave to Jesus Christ. This is the most important relationship in the whole world, as the apostle Paul said under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Friend, are you in this relationship with Jesus Christ? Better do now.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You again. We have come to the end of our discussion today. I commit into Your hands all who have listened, and I pray, Father, that You meet the needs in their lives, especially those who have marital problems. Help them, O God, we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen!