Knowing God
in
Marriage

We are in this world not of it.

-The New Testament

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Intimacy is the nature of the Godhead and our relationship to the Father.

Psalm 139:13–15 (ESV)

13For *you formed my inward parts*; *you knitted me together in my mother's womb*.

14I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

15My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

12For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Triune Nature of God

Trichotomy of Humanity

Body

Soul

Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV)

23Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 16:19-31

Abraham/
Lazarus

Rich man

We begin to learn about intimacy in friendship.

Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)

24A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

1 Samuel 18:1 (ESV)

1As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was *knit to the soul of David*, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

John 15:12–17 (ESV)

12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
14You are my friends if you do what I command you.
15No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Intimacy is about closeness and trust.

Secrets and lies have no place in intimacy.

There can be no
intimacy without
integrity.

Intimacy in the Covenant Marriage

Everything is a teaching moment with the Lord and we would be wise to understand it and use His ways.

Genesis 2:18 (CSB)

18Then the LORD God said, *“It is not good for the man to be alone.* I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

Genesis 2:19–20 (CSB)

19The LORD God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him.

Genesis 2:21–22 (CSB)

21So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place.

22Then the LORD God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and *brought her [biological female]* to the man.

Genesis 2:23–25 (CSB)

23And the man said: *This one, at last,* is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called "woman," for she was taken from man.

24This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with *[hold fast to]* his wife, and they become one flesh.

25Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

It was important that Adam learn the about the nature and necessity of intimacy and sexual intimacy in the covenant marriage.

Why is the whole series geared toward the responsibility of the man?

Sex only has purpose and meaning only in the marriage relationship.

Fornication is chasing the “*high*.”

Hebrews 13:4 (CSB)

4Marriage is to be honored by all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, because God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Intimacy in a Covenant Marriage relationship includes sex.

Sexual intimacy is Holy.

The Marriage bed cannot become an altar of sexual idolatry.

A marriage built on immoral sex is weak and idolatrous.

Instead of focusing on purity and holiness the marriage focuses on finding new ways to feed their sexual appetites.

The sexually immoral world we live in is a result of the breakdown of the covenant marriage.

The Bible does not teach that sex should not be passionate and fulfilling.

We should learn to be good at fulfilling the sexual needs of our spouses.

Intimacy is required in fulfilling the physical, emotional, and spiritual bond that sex creates.