

HOME pt.2 - The Purpose of Marriage - (handout)

GENESIS 1:26-28 “Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE and FEMALE He created them. Then He BLESSED THEM..”

GENESIS 2:18-25 “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper comparable to him..Therefore man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh..”

MALACHI 2:15 “GOD, not you, MADE MARRIAGE. His Spirit inhabits even the small details of marriage. ...So guard the spirit of marriage within you.” MESSAGE

“God allows creative expression in marriage, but He retains CREATOR rights as to what it is and whom it includes. MARRIAGE CANNOT BE RECREATED without His consent and participation, and He is clear of foundational issues.” JOHN BEVERE

“God created marriage. No government subcommittee envisioned it. No social organization developed it. Marriage was conceived and born in the mind of God.” MAX LUCADO

MATTHEW 19:4-6 MESSAGE “..Haven’t you read in your Bible that the Creator originally made man and woman for each other, male and female? And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh - no longer two bodies but one. Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, no one should desecrate his art by cutting them apart.”

MARRIAGE is the symbolism that God uses to represent the depths of His love for and commitment to His people, His bride, the Church!

EPHESIANS 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and Himself for her,”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 MESSAGE “We’re Christ’s representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God’s work of making things right between them. We’re speaking for Christ Himself..”

1 JOHN 4:16-17 NLT “We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect..”

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