

L4 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Marriage | Genesis 2:18-25

I. Intro/Review:

1. Institution of Business - first to serve and worship God, to love Him
 - 1.1 - God created man - in His image, after His likeness
 - 1.1.1 - volition and will
 - 1.2 - An accountable creature to the Creator
 - 1.2.1 - man has responsibility
 - 1.2.2 - God is the Judge
2. Sin & Corruption
 - 2.1 - sin corrupted man to the core
 - 2.2 - sin corrupts man's responsibility
 - 2.2.1 - account of man is none righteous, none do good
 - 2.2.2 - alive to sin - dead to God
3. Redemption
 - 3.1 - righteousness of Christ purifies man to the core
 - 3.2 - free from sin
 - 3.2.1 - righteous in Christ, created in Christ unto good works
 - 3.2.2 - dead to sin - alive to God
4. Such corruption makes everything a vanity (Rom. 8)
 - 4.1 - Only for believers are we able to do good
 - 4.2 - These divine institutions have various relations:
 1. Relation to God
 2. Relation to Christ
 3. Relation to the World
 4. Relation to the Church
 - 4.3 - In these relationships to God, Christ, world, and the church we find
 - 4.3.1 - The definition, components, instructions, and honor of each institution (God)
 - 4.3.2 - The corruption of each institution (Christ)
 - 4.3.3 - The confirmation of each institution and instruction within them (World)
 - 4.3.4 - The balance of each institution (Church)
5. Institutions
 - 5.1 - Business - before sin and after sin
 - 5.2 - Marriage - before sin and after sin
 - 5.3 - Family - after sin
 - 5.4 - Gov't - after sin
 - 5.5 - Church - after sin

II. Preview:

1. The Institution of Marriage
 - 1.1 - Initial Observations
 - 1.2 - Marriage
 - 1.3 - Definition
 - 1.4 - Between one man and one woman
 - 1.5 - Joined only by marriage
2. The Honor of Marriage
3. The Intent & Advantages of Marriage
4. The Responsibilities of Marriage
 - 4.1 - Mutual
 - 4.2 - Wife
 - 4.3 - Husband

III. Sermon:

1. The Institution of Marriage
 - 1.1 - Initial Observations
 - 1.1.1 - Gen. 1:31 - "very good"
 - 1.1.2 - God created marriage & defined it - He Authored it
 - 1.1.3 - God honored it
 - No human downplay, jesting, or cynicism can subtract from God's honor of it
 - No fractured or broken marriage can take away from what God set forth
 - 1.2 - Marriage (out of and for man) - Gen. 2:22-25 (not the creation of man, but the woman, and bringing her to man)
 - 1.2.1 - creation of Eve
 - Marriage of Adam and Eve
 - 1.2.2 - God creates woman
 1. "out of" man, and (Gen. 2:21-22; 1 Cor. 11:8)
 2. "for" man (Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 11:9)
 - "for" man in part determines that she is made "of" man
 - A wife for a husband
 - First parents (Acts 17:26)
 - Marriage as the fountain of all human societies
 - Adam & Eve Maker was their "joiner" their minister
 - Marriage is a part of creation itself, part of creation week
 2. "for" man - (Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 11:9)
 - 2.1 - Gen. 2:19-20 right after :18 - "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."
 - 2.1.1 - Gen. 2:19-20 is more than just Adam showing dominion over the animals according to their kind

2.1.2 - His naming manifests none that he could identify as himself

- The read of the text - "This is now bone of my bones"

2.1.3 - The bones and flesh of the animals were not like him

2.1.4 - Name

- Gen. 2:23-25; Gen. 5:2 - man (woMAN)
 - "help" - with exercising dominion (Gen. 1:28)
 - Gen. 2:18 (help)

2.2 - Recognize how unsuitable the other creatures were to be a help meet (fitting)

2.2.1 - God is having Adam, before marriage, realize the affinity between husband and wife

- Far superior to any relationship he would have
- Far superior to any relationship with any other things God has made

2.2.2 - God made the woman "for" him

1. Man made first, then woman (1 Cor. 11; 1 Tim. 2)

- Man would be thankful for her
- More true to her

2. Woman made never without man

- He is special, honor, respect
- To be viewed as precious - one of the first things her eyes see

1. "out of" man - WoMAN

1.1 She is suitable to him

1.2 Her creation by God for him

1.2.1 - Matt. 19:3-6

- One flesh (separation, joining)

1.2.2 - God joined (let not man put asunder)

1.2.3 - Brought her unto the man (Gen. 2:22)

1.3 - Definition

1.3.1 - God's joining a man and a woman together as one flesh

- God created both sexes to institute marriage from the beginning

1. First marriage

2. Declare as first principle of the two that comprise and constitute a marriage

- One has said, "what God has put asunder, let not man join"
- One Man & One Woman are only fit and capable of marriage

3. Any deviation from God's constitution of marriage corrupts and perverts God's

holy institution

- i.e. - same sex unions (Rom. 1)

1.4 - Between one man & one woman (polygamy)

1.4.1 - Gen. 4:19 - Lamech has two wives

- Polygamy is wrong - if God wanted marriage to be with more than one wife He would have given Adam more than one wife.

1.4.2 - Gen. 7:13 - (Gen. 6:1ff) - in the arc there was one wife for each husband

1.4.3 - 1 Cor. 7:1ff

1.4.4 - 1 Tim. 3:2, 12

1.4.5 - Matt. 19:3-6 - they "twain"

1.4.6 - in Proverbs - the woman not your wife is stranger

- David
- Solomon

1.4.7 - In marriage the man consents to be intimately and sexually known by his wife and she consents to be known by him in the same way giving a singular right (power) to her body just as he gives her a singular right to his. (1 Cor. 7:4)

1.4.8 - Mal. 2:14-15 - leading the way of the Pharisees

- Marriage and the law of nature
- "residue of the spirit" - gave to Adam, then to Eve (no others)
 - 1 Pet. 3:7 - representatives; labourers in life
 - Does not take three by nature to give life

1.5 - Joined only by Marriage

1.5.1 - Gen. 2:25 - nakedness within marriage (Heb. 13:4)

1.5.2 - Gen. 1:28, 31 - very good

- God's precedent not only defines marriage, but condemns that which is for and within marriage to be used without it.
- Living with boyfriend and girlfriend and having sex as if they were married is condemned by God
 1. Fornication no matter how acceptable by the world and society will always be contrary to God's institution.
 2. Ex. 20:14 - thou shalt not commit adultery
 3. Before sin - no guilt or sin inherently associated with the intimacy and sexuality of a marriage
 4. Cannot live for God's glory in marriage unless yoked together in marriage.

IV. Conclusion: