

L1: (Marriage) Genesis 2:18-25 - The Family: Origin & Purpose

Series Intro:

- The family is one of the most fundamental ordinances that God instituted from the beginning of creation. It is the bedrock of society and the primary institution of learning.
- It is no surprise then that it has been under attack and currently is being scrutinized and dismantled bit by bit, little by little.
- The family is made up of, first, a marriage between a man and a woman, and, secondly, children are added to that established union. Yet, family is much more than just the structure.
 - Satan since the beginning attempted to destroy the family (Cain & Abel). Redefining marriage, confusing the roles of the husband and the wife by corrupting the core of the understanding of what it means to be a man and a woman.
 - Yet, Satan's advances in his course of the world with its' leaders have gone much further than the structure of the family. It has provided a perverse, ungodly substitute for the family functionality. How are the husband and wife to relate? How are the father and mother to parent? And, how the children should relate to their parents?
 - The onslaught of opposition against the structure and function of the family has been persistent, ongoing, and relentless that a desensitizing has taken place. The worldly substitute has become familiar to the degree that it isn't seen easily recognized. This has provided for its' effect to creep into the family unaware and feed off of the lazy, ignorant believer.
- A few weeks ago I spoke to a friend of mine. Him and I have remained friends from college. He is a pastor and I am a pastor and so we share many things in common. Our doctrinal differences are understood and we can disagree in love on certain matters. In one of our latest conversations he made mention of a dispensational church he knew of, stating, they teach a lot of good things, but sin runs rampant in that church - it seems they care more about eschatology than about holy living. I thought long and hard about my time as a Pauline dispensationalist, the conferences I have taught at or have gone to, church websites I have searched (especially sermons) and over the years I have realized that, not all, but the majority of grace churches are found wanting when it comes to "walking after the Spirit".
 - "walking after the Spirit" is often thought of as understanding right division, yet "walking after the Spirit" is minding all His things, which include much more than the right division of the word of truth.
- I have seen an indifference and if not an indifference, a lack of understanding of what it means to be a husband, wife, father, mother, child - this is easily discerned by what is said or what is not done in given situations and circumstances.
- All this, not to mention the devices that have become the primary influence in the family, the ruler of the house corrupting and breaking down the family have been motivating factors for this series. This has prompted within me a desire to provide insight from the scriptures concerning the family. I will not be giving you the latest psychology gimmicks,

the newest book tips, magazine advice - no we will be going directly to the one who ordained the family, God and His Word.

Sermon Preview:

- Origin of Family
 - God
- The Purpose of Family
 - Relates something spiritual about the life to come
- The Priority of Family
 - Marriage
 - Parenting
- The Family - Ephesians 5

Sermon:

The Origin of Family

- Genesis 1 & 2
- 1 Corinthians 11

The Purpose of Family

- Ephesians 3 - to give us insight of God's family in the life to come
 - Without marriage and without children there will still be offices of which to submit to

The Priority of Family

- Marriage (Genesis 1&2)
- Parenting (Genesis 4:1)

The Family - Ephesians 5

- Walking after the Spirit
- Submit - to yield, resign or surrender to the power, will or authority of another
 - Mutual submission within marriage structure
- Genesis 3 - desire to rule over husband
- 1 Timothy 2; 1 Corinthians 11

The Definition of Family

- The collective body of persons who live in one house and under one head or manager; a household, including parents, children and servants, and as the case may be, lodgers or boarders.
- Genesis 10:5
- Genesis 1:7 -

- Genesis 2:21-25

Those who descend from one common progenitor; a tribe or race; kindred; lineage.

Sermon Conclusion:

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