

## ***Realms of Human Government***

### **“Familial: A Gracious Blessing”**

**Hosea 2:19, 20; Proverbs 18:22**

*Just as the marriage union in the New Testament is intended to picture the marvelous relationship between Christ and His Church, so in the Old Testament God uses the ideal marriage bond to illustrate His desired fellowship with His people Israel. The way God describes a solid marriage is instructive, especially in today’s culture of “no fault” divorce.*

#### **1. God’s Desire for Marriage’s Duration (v.19a)**

#### **2. God’s Desire for Marriage’s Disposition (vv.19b, 20a)**

- **Righteousness**
  
- **Justice**
  
- **Favor (Lovingkindness)**
  
- **Compassion**
  
- **Faithfulness**

#### **3. God’s Desire for Marriage’s Devotion (vv.20b; Proverbs 18:22)**