



LOVE LESSONS

from The King

A SERIES ON MARRIAGE



The Blessed Marriage

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“Love is not merely a feeling. It is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by Christian marriages, the grace which both partners ask, and receive, from God. They can have this love for each other even at those moments when they do not like each other; as you love yourself even when you do not like yourself.”

Matthew 19:3-8 NKJV

The Pharisee also came to him, testing him, and saying to him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason? And he answered and said to them, “Have you not read that he who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?

Matthew 19:3-8 NKJV

So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together let not man separate. They said to him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and put her away?” He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

John 1:17 NKJV

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- So they would enter into a covenant with one another, enter into a covenant with God, allowing God to be glorified.

Marriage Represents God

Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV

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.

1. Marriage Represents God

- Male and Female is the image of God.
- When God wanted a portrait of himself on the earth he created marriage.
- Satan hates marriage because it represents the image of God on the earth.
- Satan never attacked Adam, it wasn't until the image of God was present that he attacked them.

2. Marriage Represents Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:31-33 NKJV

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

2. Marriage Represents Christ and the Church

- When a husband loves his wife like Christ loved the church God is glorified.
- When a wife respects her husband Christ is glorified.
- When marriage is done right it is a symbol of Jesus loving his bride/church.
- The husband represents Christ and the wife represents the church.

2. Marriage Represents Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV

Husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

2. Marriage Represents Christ and the Church

- Jesus sacrificially gave himself up for her.
- The husband should give himself up for her.
- The wife is a helpmate who is submissive and respectful.
- To respect means to—notice, regard, honor, prefer, and esteem him.

3. Marriage Represents Covenant

Malachi 2:14 NKJV

Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously. Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

3. Marriage Represents Covenant

- Contract- we protect our rights and we limit our responsibilities.
- Covenant- we give up our rights and we pick up our responsibilities.
- Blessed marriages consist of two people who have given up their rights and do their part.

3. Marriage Represents Covenant

- Mosaic covenant vs. New covenant
- God never wanted a legalistic relationship with us, he has always wanted a love based relationship with us.
- God is a covenant keeping God.

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- Marriage represents the image of God on the earth.
- Satan hates marriage because it's the image of God.
- Marriage represents Christ and the church.
- Marriage represents the new covenant.



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