

Biblical Marriage

Hot Potatoes Week 2

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“There never has been a generation whose view of marriage is high enough.”

—Pastor John Piper

Marriage has become “a system to approve emotional bonds or distribute legal privileges.”

—Ryan T. Anderson, *The Heritage Foundation*

Three Foundation Truths about Marriage:

1. Marriage is God’s design.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for[a] him.”

—Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made[a] into a woman and brought her to the man.

—Genesis 2:21-22 (ESV)

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

—Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

2. Marriage is God’s doing.

‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,[a] 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

—Mark 10:7-9 (ESV)

3. Marriage is a covenant.

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

—Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)

Therefore:

1. Guard marriage for it displays the Gospel of God.
2. Acknowledge marriage belongs to God.
3. Realize only God has the right to define marriage.

“God-ordained, covenant relationship between a man and a woman.”

— National Association of Evangelicals

“[racism] received its primary historical validation from ideas, prejudices, and economic circumstances that have nothing directly to do with the message of Judeo-Christian scripture. The same cannot be said about Judeo-Christianity’s normative teaching on sexuality, which is rooted in both the Hebrew Bible and New Testament.”

— Rod Dreher, a senior editor at *The American Conservative*

What shall we do?

Stand on the word that stands forever.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

—Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

A. Raise your view of marriage.

B. Recommit to God’s plan for your marriage.

Love those who don’t towards redemption.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come

to the knowledge of the truth.

—1 Timothy 2:3-4 (ESV)