

Building Life on the Right Foundation Pt3
Building Family on the Right Foundation
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- I. Natural Life vs. Spiritual Life Vol. 2
 - A. Building Life on the Right Foundation
 1. Building life on the right foundation.
 - a. **(Luke 6:43-49)** the foundation you build your life on determines the fruit that your life produces.
 - b. *(ref. Ps. 11:3) “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”*
 - Society at large has been in a rapid decline because the foundations of marriage and family have been destroyed.
 - B. Building marriage/family on the right foundation: **Covenant**
 1. *(ref. Mal. 2) “...The Lord’s holy institution...Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.”*
 - a. Whenever God wants to establish something official with His people, He makes a covenant (*ie. Noahic, Abrahamic, Davidic, the New Covenant*)
 - b. A Covenant is a divinely created relational bond. Covenants are kingdom administrative mechanisms by which God operates in history.
 - Biblical covenants provide divine covering and empowerment because Biblical covenants have warranty.
 - The warranties are promises honored or can be voided if the product is abused or misused outside of its created purpose. *(The new covenant comes with warranty.)*
 - *(ref. 1 Sam. 17:26, 36) David and Goliath “uncircumcised Philistine” (1 Sam. 17:45-47)*
 2. 5 Characteristics of all Biblical Covenants
 - #1 Transcendent – means it comes from one realm to another realm. God authored and God ordained for man’s benefit. *(ref. Matt. 19; Heb. 13:4)*
 - a. **(Gen. 1:26-28)** God wanted reflection, ruler-ship, and replication of Himself in the earth by creating mankind. Satan hates this!

- b. **(Eph. 5:30-32)** marriage reflects Christ and the church
- #2 Hierarchical – means arranged in rank or chain of command which brings order. Satan hates this!
- a. **(1 Cor. 11:3 AMP)** this hierarchy is not related to equality of being, but distinction of function. The Man is accountable to God for the condition of the marriage.
- The Holy Spirit always glorifies Jesus, and Jesus always glorifies the Father.
- b. *(ref. Gen. 2:7, 15-25)* creation of man and woman and marriage ceremony.
- c. Satan attacked the hierarchy of the covenant.
- Gen. 1 - God (Elohim) vs. Gen. 2 - LORD God (Yawah Elohim)
 - Satan goes to Eve not Adam in Gen. 3
- #3 Rules – governing guidelines by which the covenant parties operate. Satan hates this!
- a. **(Eph. 5:33)** husbands love your wives; wives respect your husband.
- b. Biblical love is the decision to righteously, compassionately and sacrificially see the well-being of another.
- Women need to feel loved. *(heart)*
- c. Respect is to hold in high esteem and honor.
- Men need to feel respected. *(head)*
 - *(ref. 1 Pet. 3:6; Gen. 18:12)* Sarah calls Abraham lord and gets the miracle son.
- #4 Sanctions – are the blessings that come with keeping or the curses that come with violating the covenant. **(Deut. 29:9)**
- #5 Continuity or Inheritance – covenants have generational benefits. The marriage covenant is about more than you. It has generational consequences.