

Divine Origin of Relationships

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Creation of Man and Woman

- 🌐 Man and woman were created on the 6th day. God created man and woman in his own image. Gen. 1:26-27.
- 🌐 What makes man distinct both male and female is that they are both created in the image of God.
- 🌐 Both have certain essential components that belong to God which make us like God in some ways and unlike the rest of creation.

The Capacity for Relationship

- 🌐 The image of God involves self-consciousness, rationality, personality, creativity, emotion, volition and the capacity for relationships.
- 🌐 We have the capacity for relationship with God and with other human beings.
- 🌐 Gen. 1:26-First time God speaks of himself as a plural.
- 🌐 It is during the creation of man that God identifies himself in a relationship to himself by using a plural pronoun.

Man/Woman is Made for Relationship

- 🌐 Man is essentially created to be in relationship with God and with other people.
- 🌐 Man is made for relationship like the relationship that God enjoys in the trinity.
- 🌐 This is a relationship that touches the very essence of our being.
- 🌐 Some people think they have a relationship with their pet that is not a deep relationship that touches the essential nature of the soul.

Relationship Compatibility

- 🌐 Relationships have to do with the essential compatibility at the truest level of personhood.
- 🌐 We are capable of having relationships only with other people. Gen. 1:18
- 🌐 God created a whole universe full of plants and animals and man was alone.
- 🌐 God said I'll have to make man a helper suitable to him.

Relationship Satisfaction

- 🌐 **Man cannot be satisfied relationally which is essential to his nature by any creative being other than one like himself.**
- 🌐 **Gen. 2:23 God took some of the side of Adam bone and flesh and fashioned into a woman the side which he had taken from the man and brought her to the man**
- 🌐 **God delivers to Adam the most beautiful of all the creation that he has made.**

Woman God's Wondrous Creature

- 🌐 Woman is the most exhilarating creature made by God.
- 🌐 Witnessing all relationship possibilities there was only one Adam could identify with.
- 🌐 There's nothing in the created universe that man can connect with in a relationship fashion like woman.
- 🌐 God doesn't bring Adam a man but a wonder of wonders, the perfect compliment woman.

God's Commentary on Relationship

- 🌐 Gen. 2:24 For the cause of relationship a man leaves his father, mother clings to his wife and they become one flesh.
- 🌐 God created marriage as the basic primary and essential relationship for man to be fulfilled and fulfill his calling.
- 🌐 To fulfill the command to populate the earth man needed a complimentary partner.

Marriage Designed By God.




- 🌐 It came on the first day of man's creation, day six. In creation week, 1 man, 1 women, 1 bond for life that is God's pattern.
- 🌐 One woman was meant to meet all of man's needs. Physical, emotional, socialization, friendship, personal, intimate levels, sexual.
- 🌐 We conclude then all other sexual relationships are outside God's purpose and will. No provision for sex outside marriage.

One Flesh Intimacy

- 🌐 Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, are outside the design labeled in scripture. 1 Cor. 6:9.
- 🌐 Marriage is the one and only human relationship that includes sexual activity designed by God to be fulfilling in love.
- 🌐 Marriage is designed for procreation Gen.1:28, Marriages is designed for partnership. Gen. 2:18 and Marriage is designed for pleasure. Gen. 26:8.





Marriage or Single

1 Cor. 7:1-9

-  Most people are wired for marriage. But it's okay if you are not married. It is okay to be single. Being single is not a bad thing.
-  Marriage isn't an absolute command by God. It is not wrong to be single but it can be a problem that leads to immorality.
-  Because of the potential for immorality and we are wired for physical fulfillment with a marriage partner we marry. 1 Cor. 7:9

Premiere Passage on Marriage

Ephesians 5

-  Eph. 5:25 God has designed marriage as a point of provision. Husbands are to give themselves up to provide for the wife that he might sanctify her.
-  Husbands are to love their wives they way they love their bodies. He is to give the wife the same attention, care he would give himself.
-  Husbands are to be providers, partners and protectors.
-  Husbands and wives provide procreation.

The Issue of Divorce

Matthew 19:1-9

- 🌐 The Jews were in an apostate condition, they were not really true believers in God.
- 🌐 They were not truly devoted to obedience to God. They had a form of godliness without power. They had head commitment not heart.
- 🌐 As a result divorce was common during the time of Jesus. Rabbis authorized divorce.
- 🌐 Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus with the issue of divorce.

Jesus Response to Divorce

- 🌐 God never designed for divorce in the beginning. Gen 2. He created them male and female no one else running around but them.
- 🌐 There was no provision for divorce, remarriage there's nobody there. They were created for each other.
- 🌐 This was the prototype union. The two becoming one flesh and one is an indivisible number it can't be divided. Marriage is the creative work of God.

Old Testament Confirmation

- 🌐 Exodus 20:14 This is outside the plan of God. You have your own wife and your neighbor has his own wife and that is how it should be.
- 🌐 Prov. 2:2; 10; 16 wisdom forgets the covenant made before God as a result the house sinks down to death.
- 🌐 You can't break up a marriage, violate a covenant, tear up a home without tremendous consequences.

Breaking of Covenant in Marriage

- 🌐 Practical wisdom do not go near the door of her house. Get out of the vicinity or area lest you wind up giving your vigor to others.
- 🌐 You will wind up wasting your life and ruining your life. Strangers will be filled with your strength.
- 🌐 Your hard earned goods go to the house of an alien. Now what have you got. Your resources go to a house of an alien. It is destructive.

The Grace of Life: Marriage




- 🌐 It is the best that God has to offer. To love and to be fulfilled to choose friendship is the purpose of marriage.
- 🌐 The goal of married couples is to make each other happy. If momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.
- 🌐 You are a fool of a husband if the happiness of your wife isn't your number one priority. Because it has wonderful benefits.

Safeguards To Marriage

The Word of God

- 🌐 The word shows you positive things and it also stops you when you start into something and God acts as a reproof. V23-27.
- 🌐 You have a blink mechanism that if your finger goes up there your eye blinks as an act of protection.
- 🌐 That is the way we need to protect the truth of God .

What Destroys a Relationship?

-  It is the sin. The separation of an intimate relationship with God's word.
-  Sin is the deadly stuff that will cause you your life. It will destroy your life. May not die on the spot.
-  Before we get out of Genesis you have polygamy Gen. 4. evil sexual thoughts, Ch.9. adultery, Ch 16. homosexuality, Ch. 19 fornication and rape, Ch 34, incest, Ch. 38 prostitution and seduction Ch. 39. And that is the way it is going.

Love Sick Wife

Cold Fix Husband

- 🌐 Wife operates off of feelings, little thinking or processing.
- 🌐 Obsessive husband constantly thinking but he likes her feeling like she can't manage matters.
- 🌐 Wife is coming apart due to coldness and cruel behavior which says I don't care about you.
- 🌐 Husband is intelligent reasonable but unable to show any kind of feelings. Lots of anger and rage

In Search of A Mother

- 🌐 Husband seeks help. He is having an affair or anticipating having an affair because wife is uncaring.
- 🌐 Husband wants to figure out a way to get what he wants without engaging rage wife.
- 🌐 Wife is so angry. Feels guilty about affair but at same level knows about it. She cooperates by closing her eyes because it takes pressure of the rage.
- 🌐 Husband in search of someone to take care of him. Looking for someone reliable like a mother.

Double Parasite

- 🌐 Neither can swim and both refuse to ask for assistance when both of them are drowning.
- 🌐 Neither party is willing to assume responsibility there is use of drugs, alcohol and immature behavior.
- 🌐 Couples project their inadequacies on each other. If you would stop behaving this way I would be a better person.
- 🌐 Counseling sessions often result in blaming. Both parties disappointed but unable to move out of it.


Relationship Extremes

- 🌐 **Collusion:** Couples are so intertwined they lose their individuality. They speak as if they are one person.
- 🌐 **They don't want the other person to change or grow because they will have to change.**
- 🌐 **Disengaged:** Persons in relationship maintain space as guarded territory. This belongs to me. Couples mutually agree to retreat from conflict both have tremendous capacity for self denial.
- 🌐 **Fighting covers up need for attention and intimacy.**

Lesson Summary

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Next Time

 **The Curse on
The Woman**