

Sermon Title:

"Marriage As It's Meant To Be"

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Sermon Text:

Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18-25

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Introduction:



- In this passage, there are four things that surface which we must carefully examine:

I. The _____ Of The Marriage Relationship (2:18, 21-22)

- Genesis 1 describes the creation of the universe and climaxes with the creation of _____.
Genesis 2 concentrates on the creation of man and climaxes with the institution of _____.
- The first marriage was not a _____ invention but a _____ institution!
- Any attack on _____ is an attack on _____!

II. The _____ For The Marriage Relationship

- According to this passage, God's intention for marriage is three-fold:

A. Marriage is designed for _____ (2:18, 20, 22, 24)

"Whatever else marriage is for, it is first and foremost a partnership in which the two become one. This is the biblical view of marriage."

1. Inherent in this design is the idea of _____ (vv. 18-20)

- *Adam was not _____, just _____!*
- When there was only one gender, it was not good! But when there was a man and a woman, it was not only "good," but it was "_____!" (1:31)
- Proverbs 31; Malachi 2:14

2. Inherent in this design is the idea of _____ (2:21-23)

- The word translated "helper" in verse 20 is a word that could also be translated "_____."
- **God made a _____ one, not an _____ one.**
- The God-designed differences between male and female are to be accepted as _____, not _____.

3. Inherent in this design is the idea of _____ (v. 23)

- *How close is the marriage bond supposed to be?*

➤ I Peter 3:7

➤ **God's intent is for marriage to be an inestimable source of _____ and _____!**

B. Marriage is designed for

- From a biblical standpoint, sex in marriage should not be regarded as “_____ love” but as “_____ love.”
- *It is God who _____, but man who _____.*
- Proverbs 5:15-19, Hebrews 13:4

C. Marriage is designed for (1:27-28)

- **God's first command to married couples is to _____.**
“To have a biblical view of marriage is to understand that children are the desired result of the marriage union!”
- Psalm 127:3-5

Conclusion:

- ***What I have been describing this morning is completely unattainable apart from conscious dependence upon the _____ and _____ of God!***

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.