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THE DIVINE DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

Introduction: Gen 2:18-24

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A. The concept of marriage has undergone a radical change in our culture. *Judg 21:25*

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B. Our understanding of the divine origin of marriage is crucial.

1. Mankind is not autonomous: we are created by God and we are accountable to Him. *Gen 1:1*

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2. Mankind is not a mere animal. We are made in God's image. *Gen 1:26-27*

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3. Marriage is a creation ordinance. *Gen 2:18-25; Matt 19:4-5*

Time Stamp 6:54

4. God designed marriage from the beginning and brought together the first man and woman in a covenant of companionship. *Gen 2:18-25; Mal 2:14; Prov 2:17; Ezek 16:8*

- Marriage is beneficial for mankind.

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- Our marriages are to reflect our relationship with God. *Eph 5:25,32; Isa 54:5*

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5. Because God's Word is infallible, timeless and fully sufficient, His design for marriage does not evolve or change. *Isa 40:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17*

Marriage Is Made in Heaven: Gen 2:18-23

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A. It is not good for you to be alone. *vs. 18-20*

1. A shocking statement – “not good.” *v. 18; 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31*

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2. Marriage is designed by God to make you complete.

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3. Some, however, have the gift of singleness. *1 Cor 7:7-8, 32-34; Matt 19:12*

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4. Some who don't feel that they have the gift of singleness have to wait on the Lord.

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B. You need a suitable helper. *vs. 19-20*

1. Why does God bring all of the animals to the man?

2. No other creature is a suitable helper.

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3. God made men and women to complement each other in marriage.

- God created gender differences. *1 Pet 3:7*

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- A marriage is an interesting blend of similarities and differences.

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4. Only a woman can complete a man and only a man can complete a woman.

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5. Does God create anyone to be homosexual? *1 Cor 10:13; Rom 1:26-27; Lev 18:22ff*
 - Homosexuality is sinfully contrary to God's design.

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- We all know what it is like to be tempted by that which God has forbidden. *1 Cor 10:13*

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- Many believers who had struggled with homosexuality have been transformed by God's grace. *1 Cor 6:9-11*

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C. God provides a helper for the man. *vs. 21-23*

1. Why does God choose such an unusual method for creating the woman? *v. 21-22; 2:7, 19; 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; 3:19*

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2. The husband should respect his wife because she is also made in God's image. *Gen 1:27; 1 Cor 7:8-9; 1 Pet 3:7; Gal 3:28*

3. The husband ought to cherish his wife as part of himself. *Eph 5:28-29*

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4. Adam understands and rejoices in what God has done for him. *v. 23; Eph 5:29*

Time Stamp 23:15

D. The first marriage reveals God's design for the roles of both husband and wife.

1. Male headship was God's plan from the beginning. *1 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 3:13*

2. The woman is created for the sake of the man. *v.18; 1 Cor 11:8-9*

3. The man exercises authority by naming the animals and his wife. *vs. 20, 23; 3:20*

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4. The Fall has led to the corruption of marriage roles. *Gen 3:16; 4:7; 1 Pet 3:1ff*

5. The gospel makes the redemption of marriage possible. *2 Cor 5:17; Eph 5:22ff*

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God Gives Foundational Directives for Marriage *Gen 2:24-25; Mt 19:5; Mark 10:7; Eph 5:31; 1 Co 6:16*

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A. Leave – Your marriage creates a new family unit.

1. Your marriage takes priority over any other human relationship.
 - The parent/child relationship is temporary and changing.

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- Grown children honor their parents, but are no longer subject to them. *Exod 20:12; Mark 7:9-13*

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2. Failure to leave is a violation of God's design – geographically, economically, emotionally.
 - Is it ever a good idea for a young couple to live with their parents?

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- Is it wrong for parents to help their married children financially? *2 Cor 12:14*

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- B. Cleave – a husband and wife are joined in a lifelong covenant of companionship.
 1. Marriage is a covenant commitment.

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2. Divorce is a sinful violation of God's design. *Matt 19:3-9; Mal 2:14-16*

3. God allows protection for the innocent party when a spouse violates the marriage covenant through adultery or abandonment. *Matt 5:32; 1 Cor 7:15-16*

4. Some Christians, by faith, stay in hard marriages. *Ps 15:4; Prov 3:5-6*

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5. Some hard marriages are transformed by God's grace.

6. It is not enough to merely remain legally married.

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7. Marriage is designed by God to be the most personally intimate of human relationships.

Mal 2:14; Song of Solomon

8. Emotional intimacy, including flirtation, with anyone other than your spouse violates your marriage vows.

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C. One flesh – The sexual union is designed by God to be a blessing within marriage.

1. The sexual union is the sign of the covenant commitment of marriage.

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2. The sexual union is designed by God to produce the blessing of children. *Gen 1:28; Ps 127*

Time Stamp 42:41

3. The sexual union is given by God for the enjoyment of both husband and wife. *Prov 5:8-9;*

Heb 13:4; Song 1:1ff; Deut 24:5

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4. Any sexual expression outside of marriage is a sinful and destructive misuse of God's gift –
adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexuality, lust, etc. **Time Stamp 48:00** *Heb 13:4; Eph 5:5; 1 Cor 6:9, 15-20;*

7:4; Exod 20:14; Prov 7:27; Matt 5:27-28; Job 31:1; Rom 1:26-27; Lev 18:22-25; 20:13, 15; Deut 22:5

5. Sexual sin is a heart problem. *Mark 7:21-23; Prov 4:23; Gen 39:9*

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6. God judges sexual sin. *Heb 13:4; 1 Cor 6:9f; Prov 5:20-21; 6:26, 32-33; Rom 1:27, 32*

7. Neglecting one's spouse's sexual needs is a violation of God's design. *1 Cor 7:3-5*

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Concluding Applications

Time Stamp 50:23 When you know God's love (from the gospel), then you can freely show God's love in marriage.



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