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AND THE LORD GOD SAID, IT IS NOT GOOD
THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE ALONE; I WILL
MAKE HIM AN HELP MEET FOR HIM.

- GENESIS 2:18 (KJV) -

In the book of Genesis, God said, “It is not good that man should be alone...” and so God created a woman; a helper, suitable for him. Marriage derives from God; therefore, Marriage is a God given institution. It is a life long monogamous covenant between one man and one woman; husband and his wife. The New Testament also uses marriage in a spiritual sense, between Christ and His church.

What is the origin of Marriage?

“And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called **Woman**, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his **wife**: and they shall be one flesh” (**Genesis 2:23-24**).

What is the nature of marriage?

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male** and **female** created he them” (**Genesis 1:27**).

“Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore **God** hath joined together, let not **man** put asunder” (**Matthew 19:6**).

What roles did God establish between the man and the woman?

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“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is *Christ*; and the head of the woman is the *man*; and the head of Christ is God” (1 *Corinthians* 11:3).

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own *husbands*, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your *wives*, and be not bitter against them” (*Colossians* 3:18-19). See also (*Ephesians* 5:32; 1 *Peter* 5:5).

What is the purpose of marriage?

“And the LORD God said, It is not *good* that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for *him*” (*Genesis* 2:18).

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and *multiply*, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and *dominion* over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (*Genesis* 1:28).

“Lo, *children* are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward” (*Psalms* 127:3).

Has God set sexual parameters for his people?

“Nevertheless, to avoid *fornication*, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own *husband*” (1 *Corinthians* 7:2).

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**MARRIAGE
GOD'S WAY**

“Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine *own* well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the *wife* of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her *love*” (Proverbs 5:15-19).

Are sexual relations outside marriage permissible?

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed *undefiled*: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4).

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither *fornicators*, nor idolaters, nor *adulterers*, nor effeminate, nor *abusers of themselves* with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9).

NOTE: This verse describes those who love their sins more than God, who live in open and habitual sin, and those who refused to repent.

How can Christians maintain a healthy marriage?

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Love Her
&
Respect Him



“For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should *love* one another” (1 John 3:11).

“Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his *wife* even as himself; and the wife see that she *reverence* her husband” (Ephesians 5:33).

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each *esteem* other better than *themselves*” (Philippians 2:3).

“Confess your faults one to another, and *pray* one for another, that ye may be *healed*. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, *forgiving* one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32).

“A *soft* answer turneth away wrath: but *grievous* words stir up anger” (Proverbs 15:1).

“But if any *provide* not for his own, and specially for those of his own *house*, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Timothy 5:8).

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“*Trust* in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge *him*, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6). See also (Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; Deuteronomy 4:10; Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 7:4-5,13:4-8; Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 6:33-34).

Is divorce ever permissible?

“For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he *liveth*; but if the husband be dead, she is *loosed* from the law of her husband” (Romans 7:2).

“And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for *fornication*, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery” (Matthew 19:9).

“But if the unbelieving *depart*, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called us to peace” (1 Corinthians 7:15).

NOTE: *Marriage* is for life. In cases where physical abuse is present, it is best to temporarily separate for obvious safety reasons. The offending party should seek professional help with the hopes of possible reconciliation. Those finding themselves in such circumstances should seek profession council when making life changing decisions.

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What responsibilities do parents have in terms of raising children?

“Lo, *children* are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward” (Psalm 127:3).

“*Train up* a child in the way he should *go*: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

“And these *words*, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine *heart*: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy *children*, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy *house*, and on thy gates” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

“And that from a *child* thou hast known the *holy scriptures*, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

“And, ye *fathers*, provoke not your *children* to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the *Lord*” (Ephesians 6:4).

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Family



What responsibilities do children have toward parents?

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with *promise*;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

How does marriage between husband and wife symbolize Christ and His Church?

“And Adam said, This is now *bone* of my bones, and *flesh* of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man” (Genesis 2:23).

“But from the beginning of the *creation* God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6).

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the *church*: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing” (Ephesians 5:23-24).