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The Creator and the first Marriage:

In this issue of Fellowship I want to go back to the Beginning. "In the beginning God Created the heaven and the earth." —Genesis 1:1, 26-28, 31). And God said 'Let Us make Man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule..'" And God prepared the Man in His image; in the image of God He prepared him, a Male and a Female He Prepared Them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule..." And God saw all that He hath done, and lo, it was Very Good; and there is an

evening, and there is a morning — day the sixth." And the LORD God formed Man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils The Breath of Life; and Man became a living Soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the Man whom he had formed. And the LORD God took the Man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the Man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you

may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and Evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die (Spiritually, and later, Naturally). 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 2:7-9, 15-18.



Something 'missing' Added to Complete ADAM.

"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from Man, made He a Woman, and brought

her unto the Man. 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. And they were both naked, the Man and his Wife, and were not ashamed." Genesis 2:21-25.



More Bible references to Marriage:

1st Timothy 4:3 ¹

Numbers 12:1 ²

Matthew 5:32 ³

Ephesians 5:21-33 ⁴

Romans 7:1-3 ⁵

1st Corinthians Chapter 7 ⁶

Revelation 19:7-9 ⁷

Special points of interest:

- SO GOD CREATED HUMANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

- GOD MADE A WOMAN PERSON AND HE BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN PERSON.

- GOD FASHIONED EVE AS A COMPANION SUITABLE FOR HELPING ADAM.

- GOD CREATED INTIMACY FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MAN AND HIS WIFE.

- MAN= ISH WOMAN= ISHAB ..WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN. THE FEMININE SEPARATED OUT AS A DISTINCT BEING AND BROUGHT BACK TO ADAM IN ALL HER GLORY.

What is “Marriage” ?

A Commitment of a Man and a Woman to Wed their lives Together lovingly in a union that is total: Spirit, Soul, and with a Physical Oneness that is Exclusive. To fully understand “Marriage” one must know ‘the blueprint’ of it. “The Kingdom of the Heavens,” Jesus said, **“may be compared to a King Who Celebrated The Marriage of His Son,”** -MATT. 22:2. GOD The Great King, has a Son (Jesus Christ, the bride-Groom and Savior) and The Holy-Perfected, Saved Church, is ‘His Bride’.

The Spiritual Pattern Of Marriage.

The relation between husband and wife is represented as being a counterpart of the relation between Christ and the Church. (Ephesians 5:25-33)

Marriage is a love relationship, a mutual love and devotion which enables both Husband and Wife to rise to fulfill their different functions in human society.

By serving each other, they best serve themselves. “He who Loves his Wife, Loves himself” If we find ourselves at war with our spouse, we better deal with ‘the divisions within our own heart and mind’.

Two Can be Perfectly Married Into a “Wholly One!”



The Marriage is to be honored among all: -Heb.13:4.

When you see a Married Couple, View them as “ONE UNIT” and not as 2 that can be separated from each other.

Our trend in society is to think up reasons why a Couple should be divorced. We assume that one or both will be better off if they could start all over with a different Mate; one who is ‘more perfect’ for them. We often ‘play god’ with our match making illusions. Yet GOD, Our Creator knows how to Perfectly Marry two totally different Personalities, meeting their needs, unrecognizable by the human eye. We would tend to Question GOD’S Wisdom. In some cas-

es We see some Marriages as a “misfit”; As in ‘Moses the Hebrew, and his Ethiopian wife.’

The Apostle Paul had this to say about Marriage. “Marriage is honorable in all, and the Bed Undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Let Marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be Unpolluted; for Fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” Marriage is honorable in every respect; and, in particular, sex within marriage is pure. But GOD will indeed punish fornicators (consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other.-

Webster’s) and adulterers (sexual unfaithfulness of married persons. —Webster’s.”

I hear many middle aged and older, men and women, saying something like this. ‘Marriage didn’t work the first time, why get married now, let’s just live together!’ -as if that were a better way. But “Marriage” doesn’t fail, men and women often ‘fail marriage’ Because of personal problems they refuse to deal with. And they will blame the spouse and carry over their defects into the next relationship or marriage.

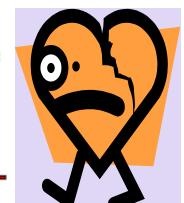
Divorce Is Never GOD’S Perfect Will. -Matthew 19:3-9.

Eve was taken from the Heart (rib) of Adam, at a time when his heart was pliable and open to a help mate.

Marriage is of the Heart of Man! “Then came some of the Pharisees to Him to put Him to the proof by the question, “Has a man a right to divorce his wife whenever he chooses?” “Have you not read,” He replied, “that He who made them <‘made them’> from the

beginning <‘male and female, and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall be one?’> Thus they are no longer two, but ‘one’! What therefore God has joined together, let not man (Not even Lawyer & Judge) separate.” “Why then,” said they, “did Moses command the husband to give her ‘a written notice of divorce,’

and so put her away?” He said to them — ‘Moses for Your Stiffness Of Heart did suffer you to put away your wives, but from the Beginning it hath not been so. And I tell you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except her Unfaithfulness, and Marries another woman, He Commits Adultery.” -Matt 19:3-9.



THE SACRED CENTRALITY OF Marriage



Now look with me very closely at these two rings and I will show you the most profound secret of the Ring in Marriage.

The Secret of a successful marriage can be seen when the two rings "merge". The more you move the 2 rings together, the greater the ONE Ring in the Center becomes!

At first there are 2 individual rings
When they are combined at the Wedding, there is A CENTRAL RING



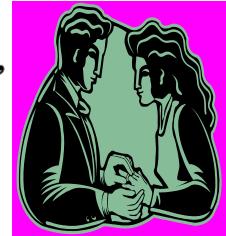
FORMED CALLED "MARRIAGE". Look at the connected 'center' of these two rings above:

Now, if I, the husband or wife, (represented here as the ring on the left or right), later decide to be selfish and pull away, what happens to the Central Ring (The Marriage)? It is constricted to the point of totally diminishing. If we pull hard enough, we eventually find ourselves 'divorced' and 'individual' all over again. Because "Marriage" is about the "US". Not the "Me", Separately Seeking my Own Fulfillment in life.

Not "I want" but "WE WANT".

If your life is centered around your "ego" you might want to remain unmarried and single. Even if your life is already "Fix focused" on some great cause to which You need total concentration on.

But if you have a great need to 'merge' than "marry" and combine your life to another According to the pattern. Because Marriage is the First Institution of Society among the people of GOD.



Living Whole-heartedly, and Simply being

IN MOST EVERY BATTLE, THERE IS A TRIED AND TRUE PRINCIPAL OR RULE, —"DIVIDE AND CONQUER!" AND, "A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND FOR LONG" The enemy of GOD and Man is always dividing, to conquer The Marriage! Why? Because Marriage brings Many Blessings and Much Grace into life, from The Creator GOD. "of whom the Whole Family in the heavens and on earth is Named," Eph 3:15.

If you are ever faced with the demonic delusion that 'outside the marriage there is happiness', you better Question the Motivator, could he or she be "the serpent" in the Garden, bringing 3 enticing

temptations by way of: 1. "the Lust of the eyes. 2. "the Lust of the flesh" or behind door #3. "the Pride of life!" how many 'doses of lust -to- pride' does the Serpent use to divide the American Marriage? He, or she 1. is better looking, 2. more sexy, or 3. makes more money, than my soon to be Ex? Does this kind of mentality please GOD, The Eternal Witness to your Union as Man and Wife? What ever happened to "for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part!" Love is a decision made

Do not allow these 3 Marriage breakers divide your heart:

1. Charging Luxury things you see and cannot currently afford, dragging your spouse into debt.
2. Letting your body go to illicit pleasures outside your Union.
3. Being discontent with the material things you have gained together from your labors, discounting your provisions.

"But Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain." Satisfaction in the Marriage. Competence and Sufficiency is your avenue to Acquisition of Good Things!

weight of responsibility for the Marriage, undertake the most personal sacrifice for the One Beloved, Just as Jesus in His Passion, drug the Cross down the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows) for all who would be part of His Saved Bride. Going all the way to His execution on "Golgotha" undaunted.

Let's not stop short for our wife or husband! They are the most important part of "US".



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“...he who Cherishes ‘Understanding’ Prospers” -Proverbs 19:8

“He that gets wisdom loves his own soul: he that keeps understanding shall find good.”

Make every effort to find the Good in your Marriage. Live with your Spouse in an Understanding way. Never let the little annoyances cloud your good view. No Institution that involves humans is by nature perfect. Neither expect or demand that from the One you Love. Celebrate Understanding, and you will find what you tend to misplace: The goodness of not being Alone in this world!

In Marriage is Prosperity, and it is magnified in maturity. The early part of marriage can be difficult financially, but keep in mind, that you both are im-

proving your skills and combined prosperity is better than just individual.

So many ‘throw in the towel’, right at the point that they began to prosper, missing out on what was in store for them. They could have compounded their financial abilities and obtained what they thought they would never have. They could be secure enough to really enjoy their lives together.

In closing, Apply your Heart to Understanding, for good understanding gains favor, calms the spirit, seeks knowledge, grasps the importance and significance of. “Understanding is a Well-Spring of Life to him who has it” —Proverbs 16:22.

While I do not think of myself as an expert with perfect knowledge concerning Marriage, I have at least learned some things that are forever a part of my life. These things I convey to you for your own Encouragement and confidence in the First God given Institution; intended to be ‘a bit of heaven’ down here on earth for our well being. Marriage can magnify gender, where the Man develops in his Masculine role as Man, and the Woman refines her Feminine role as Woman. This is the glory of humankind, as to our earthly happiness. This is “The Good Life” for **“Life does not consist in the abundance of Things One Possesses!” —Jesus (Luke 12:15)**

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Continually drink from the well-spring of understanding and your marriage will be a bit of heaven on earth.

Understanding will require self disclosure, Trust and Acceptance.

For who can Understand the other unless they are willing to reveal themselves, how they think and feel. Be a person they can Trust with the most fragile aspects of their life. Make yourself known to them, communication is so vital in Marriage.

Choose your words well, for they can Minister Life to your spouse.

Nourish and Cherish each other!

