

Why Marriage?

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4 (New King James Version)

The Origins Of Marriage

A. Genesis 2 - The first occurrence of marriage:

1. 2:18 - It was not _____ that the _____ was _____.
2. 2:19,20 - Adam gave _____ to all the _____, but a helper _____ to him was not _____.
3. 2:21,22 - When God _____ Eve, He _____ her to _____.
4. 2:23,24 - Adam spoke as a _____ of the _____ relationship. It should surpass all others.
5. 2:25 - They were both _____ and were not _____.

B. Matthew 19:4-6 - Jesus _____ the Genesis account. He affirmed that marriage is from _____ and not from _____.

Why God Ordained Marriage

A. **Marriage is for companionship and help:**

1. Genesis 2:18 - Instead of being _____, Adam now had a _____.
2. Proverbs 18:22 - When done according to _____'s _____, marriage is a way of obtaining _____ from the _____.

B. **Marriage is for intimacy:**

1. Genesis 2:25 - Though _____, they weren't _____.
2. Hebrews 13:4 - _____ intimacy is a _____ from God in marriage. It should lead to _____ intimacy.
3. Self-_____ is vital. In marriage we should be able to _____ all to our spouse without fear or shame.

C. **Marriage is for godly offspring:**

1. Malachi 2:15 - God made them _____ because He desires _____ offspring.
2. When a family walks in the _____ that _____ ordains, godly offspring will be one blessed result.

D. **Marriage is a sign of our relationship with Christ:**

1. Ephesians 5:31-33 - Paul said that _____ reveals the _____ about Christ and the _____.
2. Isaiah 62:5 - God will _____ over His _____!

Ephesians 5:28-30 - Let us _____ and _____ our spouses.

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