

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Study 7: Marriage According to God (2:18-25)

READ Gen 2:18-25 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

Marriage is the capstone of the family and the building block of human civilization. A society that does not honour and protect marriage undermines its very existence. Therefore, it is no mistake that imbedded within the creation of man is the creation of marriage, along with God's purposes and plans. As with everything, we are called to follow God's design for marriage and reject all other counterfeit designs presented by our worldly culture.

Main lesson: God redeemed us that we might serve Him in marriage as per His original design for our joy and His glory

Questions:

1. What blessings flow from a marriage devoted to the Lord's commands? How has such affected you?
2. A. Why do you think God determined it was "not good that the man should be alone" (v. 18)? Consider this in terms of God's command (1:28).

B. How does this inform us regarding God's purpose for marriage?
3. Why was it important for Adam to have a "helper"? What does this mean and how does it help us understand the difference in role, function and gender?

4. Why did God have Adam name the animals? What was the purpose and significance of this?
5. How might you counsel someone who desires to be married and is frustrated that God has not given them a marriage partner? Consider Ps 84:11; Rom 8:32.
6. What does it practically mean that "a man shall *leave* his father and his mother and *hold fast* to his wife"? How might this be challenging?
7. What does it mean to become "one flesh" and what might be some of the implications of this? See Matt 19:6; Eph 5:31-32.
8. A. What would marriage be like if there was complete openness and no shame? How can we live more openly towards God and each other?

B. What is the biggest hindrance to developing emotional intimacy in marriage?
9. Whether you are single, married, divorced etc, what do you hope the Lord will do in you as a result of this study?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God for His wisdom in creating male and female and uniting them in marriage

Thank: the Lord for His sovereign care and provision over every area of your life

Pray: that you might walk in obedience to Him whether married or single