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Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Eight • Genesis 2:18-25

The First Marriage

Does your vision of marriage match God's vision of marriage?

Marriage is a GIFT of God for the GLORY of God.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

The First Marriage Is God's Vision for All Marriages

1. Foundationally, Marriage Is a GIFT of God—Honor It!

God's Boundaries for Marriage

Marriage is ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN joined together as husband and wife in a lifelong covenant.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply." Genesis 1:27-28

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

*"But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."
~Jesus, Mark 10:6-8*

A Garden Wedding Performed by God

- God RECOGNIZED Adam's need for a wife in marriage.

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Gen. 2:18

- God SHOWED Adam his need for a wife in marriage.

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. Gen. 2:19-20

- God PROVIDED a woman to be Adam's wife in marriage.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to 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." Genesis 2:21-23

- God SPOKE the design of marriage into existence.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:24-25

- God JOINED Adam and Eve together in marriage.

"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." ~Jesus, Mark 10:9

2. Ultimately, Marriage Is for the GLORY of God—Display It!

God's Purpose for Marriage

Marriage is designed by God to DISPLAY His glory in the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that no other act, event, or institution does.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:31-33

"Till Death Do Us Part"

Staying married is not about staying in LOVE; it's about staying TRUE to your covenant promise to stay married.