



# Meaning and Purpose of Marriage

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# Introduction



- Marriage – the oldest institution – before government, schools, hospitals, etc.
- It was initiated by God – the current danger – trying to run it our way, not His Way (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25)

# Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25



- 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
- 27 So God created **man** in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female** He created them.

# Meaning of Marriage



- It is a covenant before God and witnesses between a husband and wife *for life*, for the glory of God.

## Meaning of Marriage (2)



- It is a **covenant** (Malachi 2:14-16) which involves:
  1. **Vows** – covenant is made (Rom 7:2-7; Hebr. 13:4)
  2. **Leaving & Cleaving** (Gen. 2:24 & Eph. 5:31)
  3. **Consummation of marriage**

# Meaning of Marriage (3)



- It is a calling and not a right
- **Matthew 19:10-12**
- **1 Corinthians 7:17**

# Purpose of Marriage



- 1. Example of /typifying the relationship between Christ and the Church**
  - Ephesians 5:21-35
  - Rev. 19:6-10
- 2. Fruitfulness – Genesis 1:28, Malachi 2:15**

## Purpose of Marriage (2)



- 3. Companionship – Gen 2:18-20**
- 4. Enjoyment and Pleasure – Prov. 5:15-20 & Song of Songs**



# Conclusion



□ 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

**Marriage is covenant relationship initiated by God, sustained by God, and for God.**



God bless you!