

The Building Blocks of Marriage

Genesis 2:20-25

March 12, 2023

I. God Designed Us For a Relationship (v. 20-21)

- A. God put in the heart of man a yearning for a partner (v. 20)
 - 1. Nothing in creation could satisfy this yearning
 - 2. It is an issue of completeness
- B. Marriage is the most sacred of any earthly relationship
 - 1. It is the oldest institution in the history of the world
 - 2. It is held up as a holy thing by God (Mark 10:6-9)
- C. The marriage relationship is an equal partnership (v. 21)
 - 1. God illustrated this by how we were created
 - 2. God designed us for different roles
 - Men you are to lead
 - Ladies are to submit to the husband's leadership
 - Men YOU MUST GIVE THEM A REASON TO FOLLOW YOUR LEADERSHIP

II. God Designed Marriage as a Gift (v. 22-23)

- A. God presented woman to man as a gift
 - Our spouse is a gift from God
 - We should be a blessing to our spouse
 - 1. Lose the critical spirit
 - 2. Lose the complaining
 - 3. Lose the whining
- B. The man acknowledged the preciousness of his bride (v. 23)
 - Love your spouse as much as you love yourself
 - Love your spouse with overflowing grace
 - Marriage must be about unity to be successful

III. God Designed Marriage as a Covenant (v. 24-25)

Three Covenant Laws of Marriage

- 1. Law of Priority
 - Sacrifice
 - Time
 - Attitude
- 2. The Law of Possession
 - You belong to each other
 - You should hold each other accountable
 - Possess a righteous jealousy
- 3. The Law of Purity
 - Commit physically only to your spouse
 - Commit emotionally to your spouse

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