

## Building A Righteous Family

### Lesson 2 Purposes of Marriage and Family

## Submission To God – Foundation of The Righteous Family

1. Submission to God ruling principle of life
2. Submission to God ruling principle of the family
3. Submission to God above submission to family

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## Introduction

- Troubles in families come when people disobey God
- Modern man denies that God is the creator of humanity as well as marriage
- They believe that their wisdom is above God and that however they choose to define a “family” it will function better than what God has revealed

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## Introduction

- Therefore, many insist that we replace traditional marriage with men and women just living together
- Or, replace marriage with homosexual couples that they say act more loving than husbands and wives
- Lesson designed to remind of the Divine purposes of marriage and family that we may be obedient to our Creator and Lord

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## Purposes of Marriage and Family

1. Man and woman created by God
2. Marriage created by God
3. Divine purposes of marriage
4. God intends marriage to last until death
5. Divorce and its consequences

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## Man and Woman Created By God

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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## Marriage Created For Man's Companionship

Gen 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Gen 2:19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

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## Marriage Created For Man's Companionship

Gen 2:20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

Gen 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

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## Marriage Created For Man's Companionship

Gen 2:22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 The man 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."

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## Marriage Created For Satisfaction of Sexual Desires

Gen 2:23 The man 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."

Gen 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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## One Flesh Relationship

- Leave father and mother, family autonomy
- Cleave, be glued, to wife
- Fornication forbidden
- Would include homosexuality

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## Marriage Created For Satisfaction of Sexual Desires

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

1Co 7:2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

1Co 7:3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

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## Marriage Created For Satisfaction of Sexual Desires

1Co 7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

1Co 7:5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 13

## Marriage – Foundation of Family

Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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## Fill The Earth With Righteousness

Gen 18:19 "For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

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## God Intends Marriage To Last Until Death

- Today, fornication, divorce and remarriage are common
- God's original intent for marriage, stay together until death
- Essential for us to teach ourselves and our children marriage is for life

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Mat 19:3 *Some* Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

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Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

Mat 19:6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

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## God Intends Marriage To Last Until Death

Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

Rom 7:3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

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1Co 7:39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

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## Divorce and Its Consequences

- Man has rebelled against God's law and does divorce and remarry, breaking marriages that God intended to last until death
- Although God does not approve of these actions, He recognizes that sinful divorces and marriages have occurred

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## Divorce and Its Consequences

- If the innocent party divorces their mate for fornication, then that innocent party has the right to remarry, as long as the one they marry has the right to marry
- If a marriage ends by a divorce for some other reason than fornication, then either party commits adultery when they remarry
- To please Him,, these unlawful relationships must be ended

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## Divorce For Fornication Allows Remarriage of Innocent Party

Mat 19:7 They \*said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?"

Mat 19:8 He \*said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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## Divorce For Fornication Allows Remarriage of Innocent Party

Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

Mat 5:31 "It was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE';

Mat 5:32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, *except for the* reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Luk 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

Mar 10:11 And He \*said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

Mar 10:12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

1Co 7:10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband

1Co 7:11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

1Co 7:12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

1Co 7:13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

1Co 7:15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

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## Divorce Not For Fornication Forbids Both To Remarry

- Bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 is different word than bond in 1 Cor. 7:39 and Rom. 7:2
- Word bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 refers to enslavement and not marriage bond
- Not under bondage means never has been under
- Therefore bondage cannot refer to marriage in 1 Cor. 7:15
- Matthew 19:9 applies to all people

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## Sinful Marriages Must Be Ended To Please God

Mar 6:17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

Mar 6:18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

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