

“THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING”

“THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF CREATION, CORRUPTION AND COVENANT”

PART 10

“A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN... DESIGNED FOR LIFE ON EARTH”

“What God Hath Joined Together”

(Genesis 2:18-25; 3:1-16 Part 3)

INTRODUCTION:

MARRIAGE AS GOD INTENDS:

- 1. MARRIAGE IS THE PRODUCT OF THE CREATIVE WORK OF GOD.**
- 2. MARRIAGE IS TO BE PATTERNED AFTER THE COVENANT FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.**
- 3. MARRIAGE HAS BEEN PERVERTED (LIKE EVERY OTHER RELATIONSHIP) BY THE CORRUPTING PRESENCE OF SIN.**
- 4. MARRIAGE IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE CONSTRAINING LOVE OF CHRIST.**
- 5. MARRIAGE IS TO BE A PICTURE OF THE QUINTESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.**

- **DEFINITIONS: MARRIAGE IS AN EXCLUSIVE, PERMANENT, ONE-FLESH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN WHICH IS ESTABLISHED, GUARDED, GOVERNED AND GUIDED BY A COVENANT.**

1A. MARRIAGE IS THE PRODUCT OF THE CREATIVE WORK OF GOD:

- *The Divine Intent and Edenic Objective was that marriage, as with every other aspect of life lived within God's Creation, would result in man's flourishing.*

2A. MARRIAGE IS TO BE PATTERNED AFTER THE COVENANT LOVE OF GOD.

- *As such, it is unconditional, based upon a promise, maintained by faithfulness and expressed in sacrificial commitment.*

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh...”

PART 3:

3A. MARRIAGE HAS BEEN PERVERTED (LIKE EVERY OTHER RELATIONSHIP) BY THE CORRUPTING PRESENCE OF SIN.

1B. Paradise _____—What _____! (Genesis 2:25)

“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

1C. The _____ of _____.

2C. The _____ of _____.

2B. Paradise _____—What _____! (Genesis 3:1-16)

1C. The _____ of _____ (v. 8-10)

“They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.’”

2C. The _____ of _____ (v. 7, 11-13)

“...and they knew that they were naked... And God said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’”

3B. Paradise _____:

1C. I am not _____, (though I want to be) and so I _____.

2C. You are not _____, (though I want you to be) and so I _____.

3C. I need a relationship with someone...

1D. ...from whom I _____.

2D. ...at whom I _____, but who gives me no _____
and will not be _____ if I do.

3D. ...who will always _____.

CONCLUSION: