

Elevate Family: Marriage IV

Family is group of people who are related to each other. Family is a person's children. Family is a group of related people including people who lived in the past. Family is a group of people related by blood.

- We have spiritual and natural a heritage.

^{NKJ} **Psalm 8:4** What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Part of you is made and part of you is created.

Part of you is made from something. (Asa) Part of you is created from nothing. (Bara)

Marriage is one of the foundations of the family.

Marriage was a hot topic then and marriage is a hot topic now.

Consider **Matthew 19:1-9**

I

When ask about marriage Jesus gives us understanding. *Vs 4-9*

Understanding is the comprehension of the intention of an action, “the Big Picture”.

Jesus appeals to the original model, at the beginning. *Vs 4a*

Answers are in Genesis. One man, one woman, joined together, one flesh and permanent in covenant is God’s covenant model. *Vs 4b-6*

Divorce was permitted under Moses. *Vs 8a*

- “But from the beginning it (divorce) was not so.”
- *Have you not read? Vs 4a*

II

Consider **Genesis 2:7-25**

Man is created by God **1:26** and formed from the dust of the ground. *Vs 7-8*

Mankind was given a diet. *Vs 9*

Mankind had a perfect environment. *Vs 10-14*

Man was given work before he received a wife. *Vs 15*

Mankind was given boundaries, permission and prohibitions. *Vs 16-17*

Man was alone (all one) and God said it is not good. *Vs 18a*

God made a helpmeet: suitable, adaptable and appropriate for him. *Vs 18*

Man named every created earthly creature. *Vs 19-20*

- Man was put to sleep.

The female became a woman, from a side section. *Vs 21-22*

The flesh is closed up and man is healed. *Vs 21b*

- Man called his helpmeet a woman (wombed man).

To receive a wife, a man must: leave, cleave and become one. *Vs 24*

The man and woman (two) are one, naked and not ashamed. Vs 25

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