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MARRIAGE PART 16 - THE PURPOSE FOR THE MARRIAGE COVENANT BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN

From the first resource to the fifteenth we have looked at the purpose of the marriage covenant in the context of Christ and His church. From here on in we will look at the purpose of the marriage covenant in the context of a man and a woman.

I say a man and a woman because this is God's design and only through this God given design of marriage, can we know, understand and come into the eternal life of this spiritual covenant.

God's design for marriage comes from the Spirit, so only those of the Spirit, can enter into and live out the purpose of His design in a physical and tangible expression or demonstration, fulfilling their roles in the covenant as a man and a woman.

Just because we are now talking about the covenant between us, as male and female, doesn't make it any less spiritual.

Now as another point: Just because we say we are Christians doesn't mean we actually are able to live out God's purpose and design for our eternal marriage on earth, between a man and a woman.

Let's start right at the beginning from Genesis where we see God's intent as His first placed position for man and woman's covenant with one another.

Genesis 2:22-24 "The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 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." For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

We can see from these verses God's clear intent for the marriage covenant between a man and a woman.

Spiritual ONENESS is the goal. Oneness of mind, love, spirit and purpose.

The marriage covenant between a man and a woman is not an end in itself but a means towards something far greater. It is God's second best environment, other than His relationship with us, which births and establishes spiritual oneness.

The purpose of this oneness leads us to becoming one of flesh, where the two have and are becoming one person.

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I want to put a disclaimer in right here.

If you do not hear what I am about to say through the Spirit, not only will you completely misunderstand what I say but you will likely highly disagree and write it off as lies and not His Truth.

READ: We are to become ONE FLESH, one person, one being. We are no longer to be two independent individuals who are self reliant, who remain as two complete people in their own rights, with their own ways, their own thoughts, maintaining their own individuality and being proud of it.

We are to become one flesh, one being, one person with Christ.

Here's another important point: READ: If we have no reference for this position of oneness with Christ first, this deep fellowship with Him, where we have DIED and our life is hidden in Christ with God, as Colossians 3:3 declares, we will have no reference or understanding for this position of oneness with our spouse, and as I have said, possibly deny and reject this Truth.

There are at least two more amazing dynamics which we can see from this passage in Genesis 2, in relation to the marriage covenant between a man and a woman becoming one.

The first dynamic: The woman is created and formed from the rib of man. In other words, the two has come from the one.

God puts Adam to sleep and performs the first inner surgery, by taking one of Adam's ribs, and then makes a second being called Eve. Out of the one came the two. Eve's life was birthed from Adam, so out of Adam came Eve. We then see the profound instruction from heaven that the 2 become 1 flesh. It is this heavenly pattern of oneness that permeates the entire purposes of God for every follower.

I want to suggest to us that this is a foreshadowing and a type in relation to Jesus giving up His life, one seed dying for the purpose of many seeds living.

John 12:24 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

Now what's amazing is the instruction God gives, that what is now two is to become one again. This is so life giving, especially when we see this through the lens of revelation and grasp the Father's design for life.

The second dynamic: Because oneness of spirit, love, mind and purpose, is God's purpose and design for marriage, each married couple are to be raising their sons or daughters in this knowledge and

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understanding, so marriages live out this wisdom.

Luke 7:35 “Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

When we look at Genesis 2:22-24 and Ephesians 5:22-33 we see the words **‘for this reason’**.

For what reason we ask?

The reason a son leaves his mother and father and is united with his wife in marriage, is for the purpose of becoming spiritually one with her and her with him, where each individual lives as one flesh, demonstrating the wisdom of God to the world.

This is to be the primary goal of every marriage in Christ.

How sad is it that we the church have made marriage about things like;

1. Having babies to populate the earth
2. Physical intimacy
3. Finding Mr. or Miss Right
4. Being made complete
5. A life long partner to do so called life with

The things above are not to be the REASON we enter into a marriage covenant with another.

The purpose as Scripture clearly declares is for the purpose of spiritual transformation into the image of our Lord and Saviour. Anything less then this primary purpose is to miss the mark and intent of why the Father gave us this beautiful covenant.

Maybe this is the reason Paul warns us in Corinthians about ensuring before we enter into the covenant of marriage we understand God’s purpose for creating it. Paul went on to warn us of the potentially negative distractions and challenges that can come from entering this covenant without this understanding, a decision that has the potential to rob us of an all-consuming and abundant life in Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. How challenged and confronted are we from going through this resource?
2. How much of your marriage is being formed, built and established on this purpose?

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3. What was or is your understanding on God's purpose for the marriage covenant between a man and a woman?
4. What out of anything needs to be put in place today when it comes to your marriage covenant with your spouse?

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