

God Designs Marriage: 13 Principles from Genesis

Mk 10:2-9 The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?" testing Him. ³ And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*." ⁵ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶ "But from the beginning of the creation, God ⁷ made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- 1. Marriage Involves Two Genders: Male and Female**
- 2. Marriage Involves Producing Children: Procreation**

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- 3. Marriage Began with the Man: Given a Place and Purpose**
- 4. Marriage Began with a Command: Man Given Spiritual Leadership**
- 5. Marriage Began with a Warning: Man Told Spiritual Danger**

Genesis 2:18-20

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name.

²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

- 6. Marriage Identified What Would Not Work: God, Creation, Animals**
- 7. Marriage Identified What Was Required: A Comparable Helper**

Genesis 2:21-25

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ And Adam 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."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- 8. Marriage Began From the Man: God Made Woman from the Man**
- 9. Marriage Met the Need: A Comparable Helper**
- 10. Marriage Began a New Entity: Separate One Flesh from Parents**
- 11. Marriage Condoned Sinless Intimacy: Naked and Not Ashamed**

Genesis 3:9-19

⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of it* All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

- 12. Marriage Continued After the Fall: Sin-cursed Husband and Wife**
- 13. Marriage Roles Continued After the Fall: Provider and Mother**