

The Giant of Marriage Redefinition: *The Rejection of God's Design for Marriage*

Overall Series Statement

You cannot get the *results* God desires to give
While ignoring the *commands* God has given.

"The Giant" = GOLIATH

- When we think of "giant" in the Bible, we think of *Goliath*.
- David *singlehandedly* defeated this giant that others feared to confront.

The Giant of Marriage Redefinition: The Issue

The WORLD Is Rapidly Fleeing from God's Revealed Design in Marriage

- Driven by self-defined "love"
- Driven by personal "happiness"
- Driven by companionship

The CHURCH Has Also Drifted from God's Revealed Design in Marriage

- We base marriage on Genesis 2
- We base marriage on companionship
- We unintentionally alter marriage

The Giant of Marriage Redefinition: The Word

Marriage Begins in Genesis 1:27-28

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."

A Closer Look at Genesis 1:27

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in the image of God He created **him**;

« « **Genesis 2:7-25 fits in here.** » »

male and female He created **them**.

OBSERVATIONS:

- Creating **them** happens at the **end** of Genesis 2.
- Specifically, one **male** and one **female**.
- What is the [suggested] reason? No guessing is needed...
- What comes **after** Genesis 2, at their "wedding?" (cf. 1:29-31)

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Five Wedding Commands (Genesis 1:28)

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- **Then** – After **them** is created, on Day 6 (and after Genesis 2:25)
- **Blessed** – This is a **good** thing, not a curse!
- **Be fruitful** – Bear children
- **Multiply** – Make that "many children"
- **Fill the Earth** – You get the point...
- **Subdue the Earth** – It takes lots of people to do this!
- **Have Dominion Over the Earth's Creatures** – Seriously, lots of people!

All five wedding commands focus on procreation: **CHILDREN**

What Is the Nature of the Five Wedding Commands?

A. **AUTHORIZATIONS** (The Right to Do These)

God gave us *permission* to carry out these five blessings.

B. **BLESSINGS** (The Privilege to Do These)

God considers each of these 5 as *good* and *desirable*.

C. **COMMANDS** (The Responsibility to Do These)

Each is an *imperative* – a command.

D. **DIRECTIONS** (The Path Which Will Be Taken)

Each is a *course* set in motion by God that will be followed.

E. **ENABLEMENTS** (The Ability to Do These)

God gave us the *capacity* and *desire* to do the things commanded.

The Giant of Marriage Redefinition: Our Response

Embrace Bible Truth About Marriage

- Children are **central** to marriage.
- Male/female design is **essential** for children.
- Companionship is **not** an adequate basis (and can be met by **any** relationship configuration).
- This concept is found consistently **throughout** the Bible.

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- The issue was not that the army **could not** defeat the giant, but **would not** defeat the giant.
- The issue was a **theological** one. One lone boy acknowledged God's power & God's promises.