**Remember Your Creator! – Gen. 2: 24**

**Focal Truth: Almighty God made marriage exclusively between one man & one woman for life**

God ordained that marriage be a public commitment of one man to one woman for life!

Marriage is not a private but public issue! Living together is not biblical marriage!

The attack on marriage by the evil One and His lies continues to leave pain, sorry & misery world – wide!

**Observations**

1. **Marriage between a man & a woman is leaving father & mother for one another for life 2:24**

*For this reason a man shall leave his father & mother….*

1. Marriage is the result of woman made for man & man made for woman – 2:23

Bone of my bone – flesh of my flesh – she shall be called Woman

1. Marriage is forsaking the childhood dependence on mother & father for dependence on your spouse
2. Marriage is leaving behind first love for mother & father for first love for your spouse
3. Marriage is letting go of family times with mother & father for time with your spouse

Gen. 24: 56 – *they called Rebekah and said to her, will you go with this man? And she said,* ***I will go***

Gen. 28:1 – *Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him…you cannot take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. Arise go to the house of Bethel your mother’s father and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.*

Pr. 31:10 – *what a rare find is a capable wife! Her worth is far beyond that of rubies*

SOS 2:10 – *arise my darling, my beautiful one, and come along….*

**Consider**

1. Marriage begins when we leave the dependence of mother & father for another
2. Marriage grows strong when a man & woman live independently of their family
3. **Marriage between a man & a woman is joining to one another for life 2:24**

*And be joined to his wife = joined = strong personal attachment & devotion*

Gen. 24:67 – *then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her*

1. Love between a man and a woman is the basis of joining in marriage

*May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine. Your oils have a pleasing fragrance, your name is like purified oil; therefore the maidens love you. Draw me after you and let us run together! SOS 1: 2 -4*

1. *Men & women express to one another loving admiration in joining marriage*

*My beloved is dazzling…he is wholly desirable – SOS 5:10,16*

*How beautiful and delightful you are, my love, with all your charms – SOS 7:6*

1. Men & women live in loving respect & submission in marriage

Eph. 5:22 – 28 – *Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church…as the church is subject to Christ,* ***so also the wives ought*** *to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her…****so husbands ought also*** *to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself*

**Consider**

1. Marriage reflects the love of Christ for the church!
2. Marriage reflects the church submission to Christ!
3. Marriage reflects the union of Christ with His church!
4. **Marriage between a man & a woman is uniting to one another for life 2:24**

*And they shall become one flesh = wholeness, completeness*

1. Marriage makes two people into one person!
2. One flesh is spiritual union
3. One flesh is emotional union
4. One flesh is sexual union
5. **One flesh marriage is inseparable – Jesus said of marriage –** *so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate*

***Because of the hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality – fornication and marries another woman commits adultery Matt. 19:6,9***

1. Marriage is the union of a man to a woman, woman to a man

*I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine – SOS 6:3*

*I am my beloved’s and his desire is toward me – SOS 7:10*

1. Divorce, unfaithfulness, homosexual marriage, polygamy are all sin before God & His plan for lifelong marriage between one man & one woman for life

**Consider**

1. Marriage oneness is physical fitness for each other
2. Marriage oneness is completing for each other
3. Marriage oneness is wholeness for each other

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Marriage is a covenant agreement for life between one man & one woman**
2. **Marriage gives life fulfillment!**
3. **Rejoice in the wife or husband of your youth!**
4. **Be careful who you marry! It’s for life!**

For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh – Gen. 2:24

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**