

“The Three Facets of a Biblical Marriage”

Matthew 19:1-12

POINT 1- The first facet of a Biblical marriage is related to its FOUNDATION

- A. The foundation is rooted in one male and female
(Genesis 1:27; 2:23-25; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Lev 18:22; 20:13)
- B. The foundation is rooted in one from each gender
(Deuteronomy 17:17; 1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)
- C. The foundation is rooted in marriage being permanent
(Genesis 2 :24; except adultery- Matt 19:6-9)
- D. The foundation is rooted in the two humans becoming “One”
(Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5; 1 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:31)
- E. The foundation is rooted in marriage being holy
(Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:35-36; Proverbs 18:22; Malachi 2:13-14)

POINT 2- The second facet of a Biblical marriage is related to its FREEDOMS

- A. The freedom for humanity is to be married or remain single
(Matthew 19:10-12; 1 Corinthians 7:7; serve the Lord without distraction)
- B. The freedom for humanity in marriage has certain limits
(2 Corinthians 6:14- faith based, not racial; 1 Corinthians 7:39; 9:5)

POINT 3- The third facet of a Biblical marriage is related to its FUNCTION

- A. The purpose or function of marriage includes intimate companionship
(Sociological, psychological, and physical- Gen 2:18; 1 Peter 3:1-7)
- B. The purpose or function of marriage includes having children
(Genesis 1:22, 28; 8:17; 9:1, 7; 26:22; Psalm 127:3)
- C. The purpose or function of marriage includes a divine vocation
(Titus 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 5:14; family, church, state; Proverbs 3:33)
- D. The purpose or function of marriage includes reflecting God
(Ephesians 5:22-32; 4:32; 2 Corinthians 11:32; Rev 19:7; 21:9; 22:17)

Study Questions

- 1) How has your view of marriage been challenged, changed, or affirmed?
- 2) What are the challenges in your marriage of the two of you becoming “one”? The husband should love his wife and seek to dwell with her in understanding, the wife should respect and submit to her husband (1 Peter 3:1-7; Ephesians 5:32). How has this been challenging?
- 3) Discuss some practical examples of ways you can show love and respect to your husband and how to make your home usable for God’s glory.