

## GENESIS –Lesson 10

Learn: And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one. Matthew 19:4-5

Read: Genesis 2:18-25

1. What did God say was “not good” for man? v 18
2. In Genesis we find the origin of marriage, and that it was God ordained. But in the reality of this world, we know that not everyone marries. In fact, often times a person may never find someone to marry. Or they may be content to live alone.  
Is God displeased if some believers are unmarried?  
Matthew 19:10-12

I Corinthians 7:32-35

3. Since God tells us that it is not good for a man to be alone. Yet some of us are not married, then what does the Lord provide for the single person so that they will not be alone?

I John 1:3, 4

Philippians 1:3-8

Acts 2:41, 42

Hebrews 10:24, 25

4. What does the foundational passage establishing the nature of marriage tell us? v 24
5. The integrity and permanence of the individual home is of such great importance that God made it plain at the beginning that marriage was intended to be permanent until death. With marriage as well as with other human activities, man has failed. Why is this? Ecclesiastes 7:29

6. What are some of man's inventions to replace God's plan of marriage?
7. What is God's answer to those who would try to convince people that the gender of mankind is changeable? Matthew 19:4

How is this also an attack against God's plan?

8. What is Jesus' answer to man's failure in the area of marriage? Matthew 19:3-8.
9. What passage from Genesis did Jesus quote in Matthew 19:4, 5 as his source for what marriage is and how it is to be lived out?
10. Did Jesus regard the Genesis account of the beginning of marriage as historical or allegorical? Mark 10: 2-12  
Explain.

It is significant that ethnologists and anthropologists find evidence that monogamous, permanent marriage has everywhere and in all ages been considered the ideal and preferred form of family life. True happiness, true fulfillment, true accomplishment of God's purposes necessarily involve obedience to God's primal command. Because of the entrance of sin into the world, it has not always been expedient for God to rigidly enforce this ideal. He has seemed to sanction (or at least to allow) polygamy at times (e.g. Abraham, Jacob, David) and to bless the work of some who practiced it. Similarly, the Mosaic law allowed divorce, and, in some cases, God commanded it. See Ezra 10:11. THE GENESIS RECORD p. 102 by Dr. Henry Morris

11. What God commanded in Ezra 10:11 was in response to the law given to Israel as seen in Deuteronomy 7:1-6. What was the Lord's command?

12. We are not Israel and do not live under that law which was given under the old covenant. Therefore we do not follow the command as given to Israel that we see in Ezra. What is God's command to believers today if a person becomes a believer in Christ, after already being married to an unbeliever? I Corinthians 7:10-16

13. Is a single believer then free to marry an unbeliever? II Corinthians 6:14-16

Explain your answer.

God told us what marriage is. With the full light of the gospel and the New Testament Scriptures, the believing Christian who seeks to do God's will in all things will certainly desire to follow His will in this most basic and important of all earthly relationships.

The institution of monogamous marriage, home, and family as the basic medium for the propagation of the race and the training of the young is so common to human history that people seldom pause to reflect on how or why such a custom came into being. It can hardly be a product of evolution, since it is not habitual with other primates or with other mammals. THE GENESIS RECORD p.102 Dr. Henry Morris

14. God chose the relationship of marriage to picture and be a pattern for us. What does marriage picture for us? Ephesians 5:22-33

Adam and Eve were the first marriage consummated and the first home established. Eve was taken from Adam's side, and they were truly "one flesh." They complemented each other perfectly: physically, mentally, spiritually.

15. What does verse 25 tell us?

16. Why is it important for each of us to understand God's plan of marriage, no matter where we are in our own particular lives?

Ephesians 5:32

Ephesians 5:27

Titus 2:4

II Timothy 3:15,16