



TREASURING THE GIFT OF FAMILY Part 2

Last Sunday, we considered the truth about marriage. Marriage was invented by God. God gave the gift of marriage for our blessing and joy. Yet it is necessary to know that marriage ultimately exists for the glory of God. We also considered five threats attacking and seeking to undermine your marriage. Today, our focus will be on God's purpose for marriage.

- Why marriage?
- Why should the Bible be our guide?
- Marriage is God's idea
- Pursuing God's design for marriage is essential in fulfilling God's purpose

1A. _____ God's Purpose for Marriage

- God's purpose for marriage is _____.
- _____ with God's _____ and purposes
- Experienced _____ and _____.

Do you know God personally? (John 17:3)

What prevents you from knowing God? (Isaiah 59:1-2)

How can the gulf between you and God be bridged? (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

1B. Purpose #1: _____ God's image (Genesis 1:26-27)

1C. We need God's help

You need help outside of yourself (John 15:1-5). You need to live for God daily.

- Listen to God - Bible (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Talk to God - Prayer (Philippians 4:6)
- Develop friendship with believers (1 Corinthians 12:25)

2C. We need the power of the Holy Spirit

- Convicting of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11)
- Teaching of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)
- Filling and Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:15-33; Galatians 5:22-23)

3C. We need oneness with each other (Matthew 12:25)

2B. Purpose #2: Experience _____ (Genesis 2:18)

1C. Replaces isolation

2C. Fulfills aloneness needs

3C. Experience oneness

3B. Multiply a _____ (Genesis 1:28)

1C. Context for children (Psalm 127:3)

2C. Necessary to accomplish God's purpose (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:30)

3C. Represent God before our children (2 Corinthians 5:20)

2A. _____ God's Purpose for Marriage

1B. Challenged by an _____ (John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8)

2B. Supported by a _____ (Psalm 27:1, 46:1, 62:1-2,8, 121:1-2)

Conclusion

There is hope and help for every marriage because there is God!