

# **DISTINCTIVE 分別為聖**

**/What it means to be holy 神聖  
in the modern world**

**PRIORITY FOR THE YEAR**

ACC Sermon Series  
Jan – Apr 2024  
Sex, marriage & singleness

Sermon 1 of 10



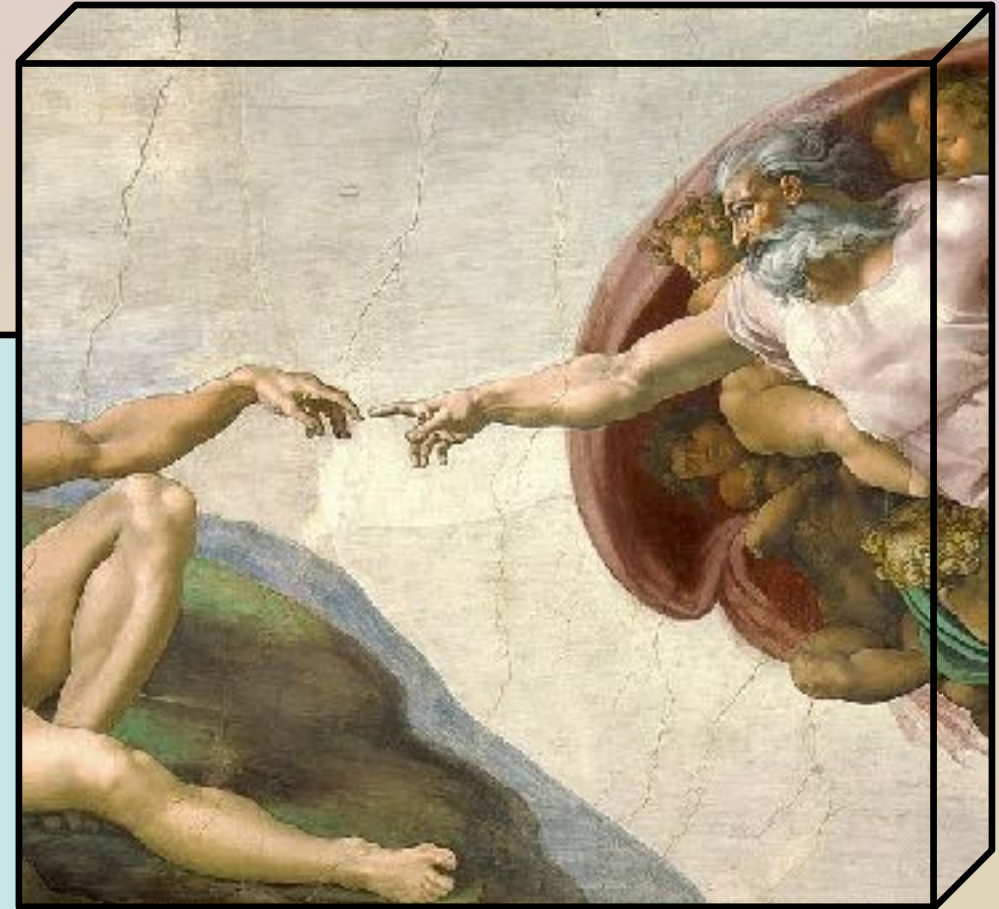
# MARRIAGE 1

Genesis  
2:18–25



Marriage is  
from...

GOD



## GENESIS 2:22, 24

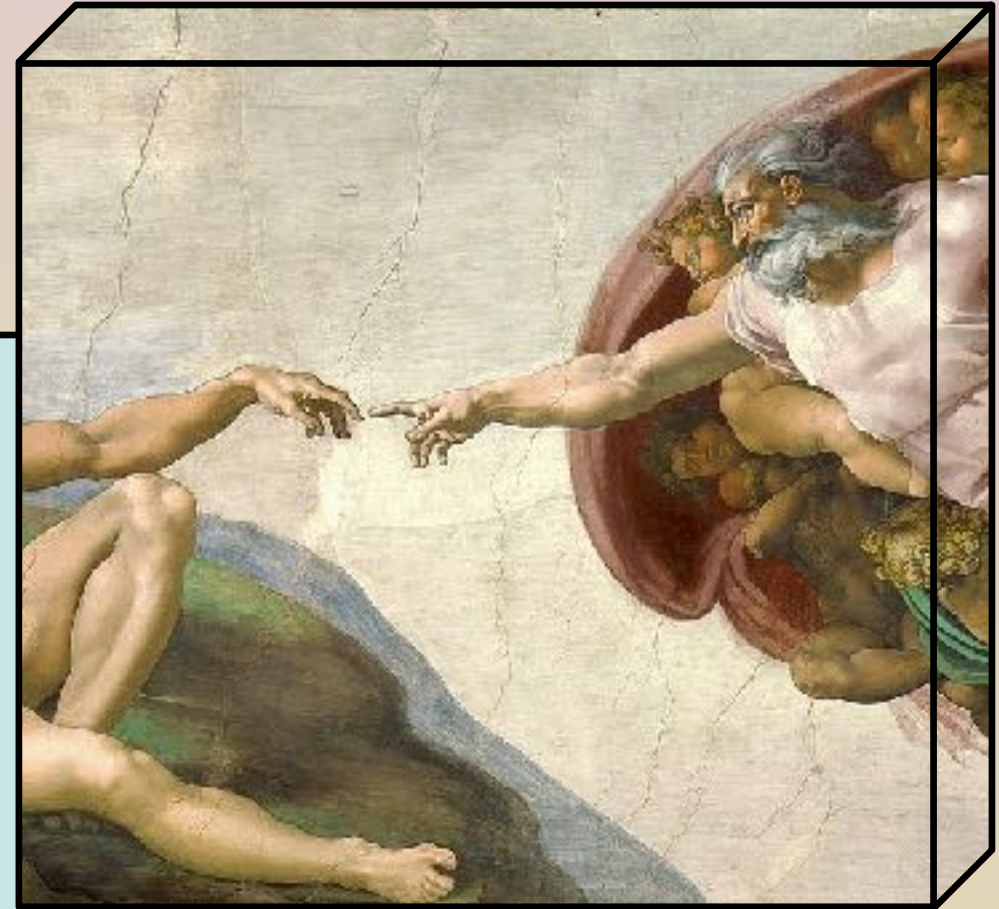
Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**MATTHEW 19:4–6**

‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female,” and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

Marriage is  
from...

GOD



[1]

Marriage is for..

**Procreation**  
**生育/繁衍**



[2]

Marriage is for..

Sex  
性愛



**GENESIS 2:24**

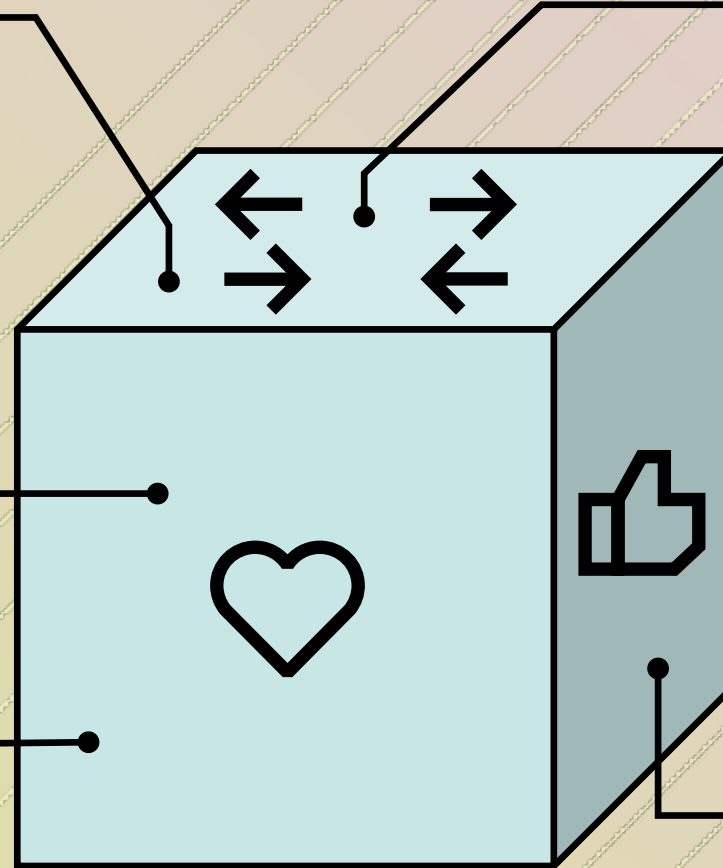
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# Gen. 2:24 “United” & “One Flesh”

Formation of  
a new family

Counterbalance  
抗衡

**Sexual  
Union**



Closeness,  
togetherness,  
unity,  
oneness

Giving of  
yourself  
to the  
other

[3]

Marriage is for...

**Social &  
Sexual Order**  
社會與性的秩序



# Marriage is...



# Marriage is...

## COVENANTAL

## 聖約的

Malachi 2:14

Proverbs 2:17

Matthew 19:6



Marriage is...

**PUBLIC**

公共

Psalms 45

John 2:1-2

Matthew 25:1-13



# Marriage is...



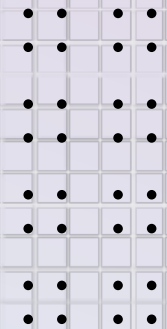
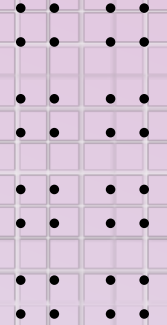
## UNIVERSAL

## 普世性



Genesis 2:20–24

Matthew 24:38



# Marriage is...

## HETEROSEXUAL 異性戀

Genesis 2:20–24

Matthew 19:4–6



## GENESIS 2:18–20

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

# Marriage is...

## HETEROSEXUAL 異性戀

Genesis 2:20–24

Matthew 19:4–6



Marriage is...

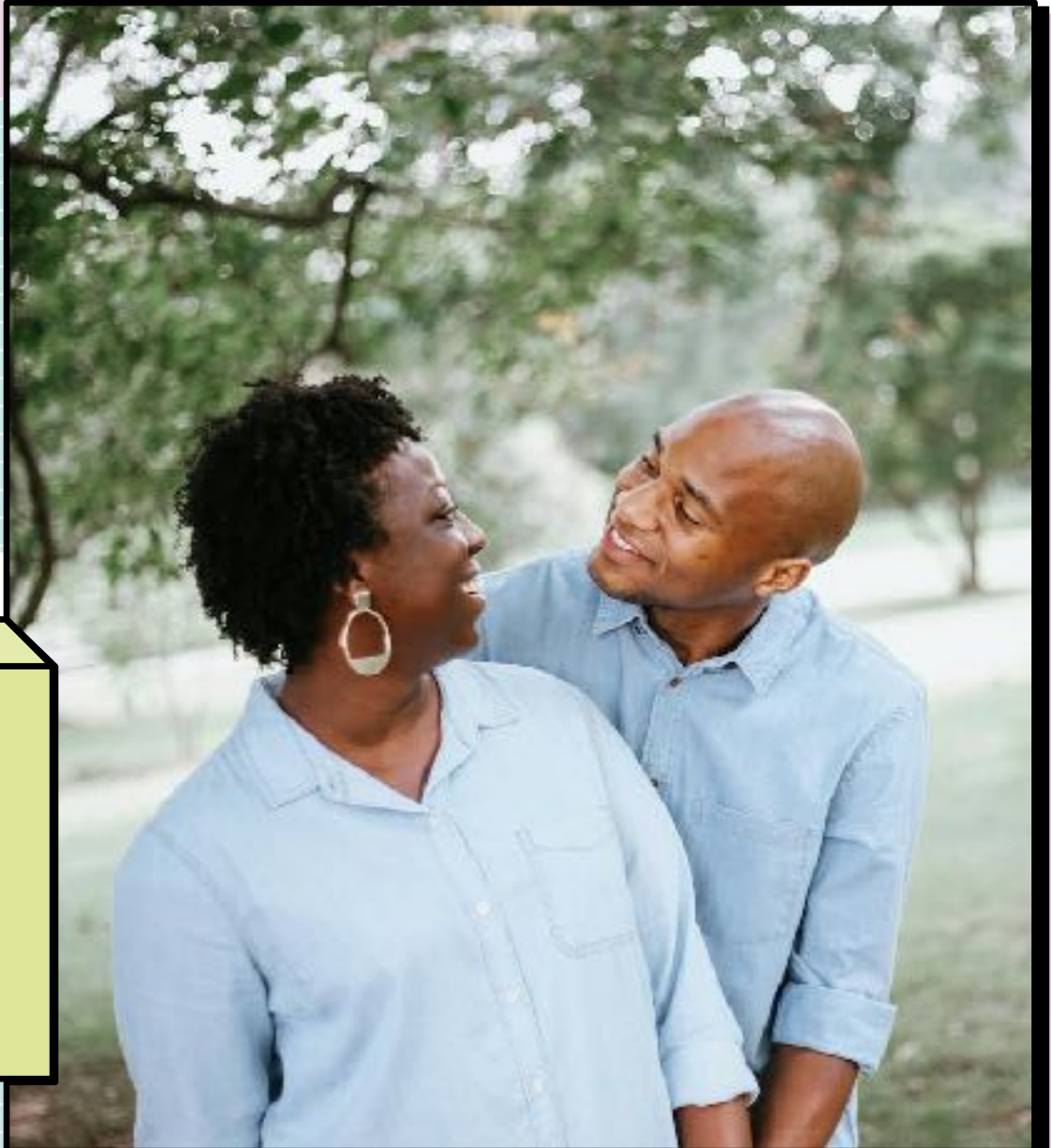
**MONOGAMOUS**

一夫一妻

Genesis 2:22–24

Matthew 19:5–6

Genesis 29–30

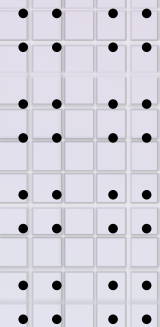
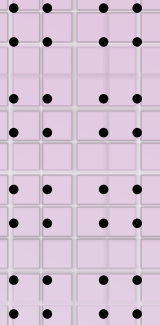


# Marriage is...

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BY SIN

Genesis 3:16

Genesis 12, 16,  
27, 29–30, 38



# Marriage is...

## A METAPHOR 隱喻

Isaiah 54:5–6

Ephesians 5:31–32



# MARRIAGE THEME THROUGH BIBLE

/Human marriage a metaphor pointing to Christ and the church

That is why a man  
leaves his father and  
mother and is united  
to his wife, and they  
become one flesh.

**Gen.  
2:24**

**Rev.  
19:7**

Let us rejoice and be  
glad and give him  
glory! For the wedding  
of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made  
herself ready.