

Marriage and Sex

Gen.2:18-25

1. God's wonderful gift of marriage & sex - Gen.2:18-25

a. It's purpose – to carry out the creation
mandate – Gen.1:28

b. It's heart -woman from man –v.21,22
- brought to the man – v.23
- the 2 become 1 – v.24

A signpost/display of God's relationship with
his people AND of God's character

c. Key elements of marriage –v.24

1. Leaving – public & internal
2. Union – “glued” together – commitment
1Cor.13:4-7
3. One flesh – physical expression of union
Pr.5:18,19; Song of Songs

2. The disturbed picture – Gen.

- Sexual perversion – Gen.6:1-4
- Incest – 9:22; 19:30-38
- Homosexuality – 19
- Adultery – 16:1f ; 39:7
- Divorce – 21:14
- Love-triangle – 29,30
- Rape – 34
- Lust – 35
- Prostitution – 38 etc

3. Paradise restored & enhanced

Vital truths to recognize:-

- a. The gift given of marriage & sex
- b. A signpost to intimate union with Christ – Eph.5:31,32
- c. A temporary gift – Mt.22:23f
- d. God's gift disrupted & abused
- e. God's plan of restoration through Christ

Christ gaining his bride

1. Leaving – he left Heaven/Father
2. Union – made it possible through the cross & resurrection
 - becomes a reality as we respond in repentance & faith
3. One with him forever – Rev.19:7,8; 21:2,9-11

God's call to you

- a. Respond to Christ's invitation
- b. Live faithfully – united to Jesus -
2Cor.11:2,3
- c. Look forward eagerly to the wedding