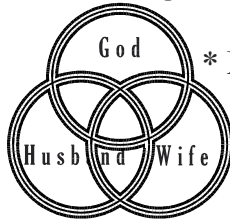


The Design of Marriage

✿ Gaining a Biblical Perspective

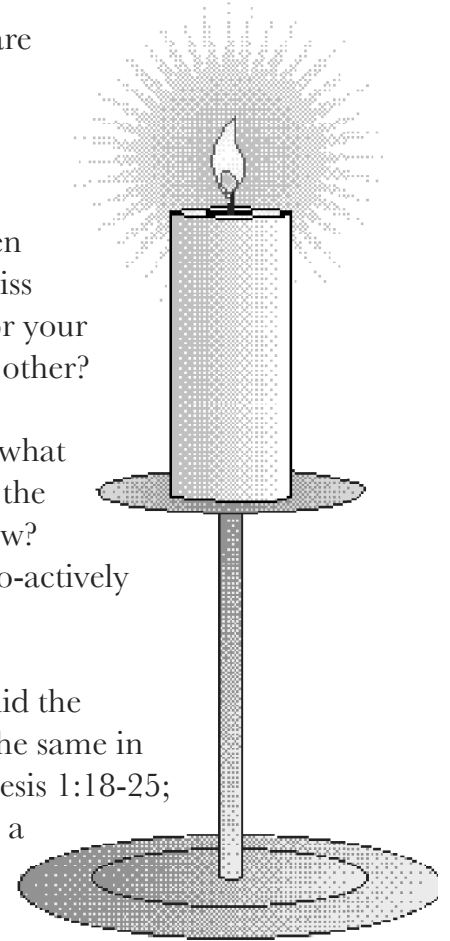
Before asking why a couple wants to get married, we need to ask what are God's purposes for marriage. And even more foundational, we need to think through the reason God created man and woman.



* Most people recreate their marriages after their own purposes in life. They think of what they want and then pursue it. If we seek pleasure and happiness, we will miss God's goal for our marriage. What is God's purpose for your marriage? How does marriage and family relate to each other?

* Men rarely think about what God wants for their lives. They think of what they want and then pursue it. What is God's purposes for man? Is this the same in the New Testament era? Is there any change? How do you know? (Colossians 1:9-13; Matthew 28:18-20; Titus 2:2, 6-8). Man needs to pro-actively seek God's grace and purpose for the marriage and family.

* Woman was created before the entrance of sin into the world. How did the creation of woman fit into God's overall purpose for mankind? Is this the same in the New Testament era? Is there any change? How do you know? (Genesis 1:18-25; I Timothy 2:1-15; Titus 2:3-5). A wife's major calling from God is to be a helpmate. She needs to adjust her time, life and schedule so that she can help her husband do well.



✿ Quotes on Marriage

✿ *Marriage is God's invention.*

✿ *Marriage is an excellent gift, a most beautiful reward.*

✿ *Marriage is to be the most intimate and satisfying of relationships.*

✿ *Marriage is designed to supply comfort in a cold and wicked world.*

✿ *Marriage is fashioned to be the context of replenishing us morally and spiritually.*