

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"The Foundation Of Marriage"**  
**Genesis 2:24-25**  
**Study-12**

**Genesis 2:18** Then the LORD God said, "**It is not good for the man to be alone;**

**Genesis 2:21-22**

**Procreation Takes Place Through Marriage: Genesis 1:28**

**Genesis 2:4-25 "The Beginning of The Fall Story"**

**Genesis** – means "*beginning*", Greek word is "*origin*"

**Psalm 119:89** Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Marriage Is A Miraculous Relationship In Which A Man And Woman Become Inseparable With Nothing To Hide."

- 1. Verse 24 Severance**
- 2. Verse 24 Permanence**
- 3. Verse 24 Unity**
- 4. Verse 25 Intimacy**

**1. Verse 24 Severance**

**Genesis 2:24** For this reason - or therefore ... **Context** – God saw man's aloneness not good. God's purpose for marriage is companionship.

God created Eve as Adam's "**helper**" **Genesis 2:18**

**Marriage Started With God Being First In Adam's Life:**

**Marriage Is God's Plan To Compensate For Our Weakness: helper suitable for him – "helper"** Exodus 18:4; Deuteronomy 33:7; 1 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 20:2; 46:1 God is going to provide one that can truly help! **Genesis 2:21-22**

**Marriage Is A Male & Female Union: Genesis 2:22**

**Genesis 1:27** Equality of the sexes, Galatians 3:28  
**Genesis 2:23**

**For this reason** - Adam never had to leave his Father and Mother – *This was put here by God to show the relevance of marriage, that which is really a marriage.*

*The Marriage God Builds Contains 4 Non-Negotiable Parts:*

**1. Severance: A man shall leave his father and mother** – The man needs to leave one unit in order to start a new unit.

Jesus quotes **Genesis 2** as God's Word - **Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12**

**A man shall leave his father and mother** – Loyalties must be, husband to his wife, and wife to her husband.

**Men Masculinity** – Adam was created first; he is responsible to provide and care for. Hebrew culture first born.

**Men** – loving, honorable leader; priest, protector, and provider.

**Ephesians 5:25 Love Sacrificially** - Sacrificing will stop us from being embittered against our wives - **Colossians 3:19 do not be embittered against them.**"

**Ephesians 5:26-27** - this is a priestly duty

**Husbands Are Not Dictators: Ephesians 5:28-30**

**Wife, God's Suitable Helper: Ephesians 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Subject** - A Greek military term meaning "*to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader*". In non- military use, it was "*a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, to arrange under, to obey.*"

**Submission** – "*Allowing God to lead me through others*" God asks, and it is the role of the wife. (Look past husband to Jesus Christ)

**Ephesians 5:33**

**2. Verse 24 Permanence**

**and be joined to his wife;** word **joined** speaks "*to glue, melting together, inseparable bond*" to stick to! **Deuteronomy 10:20; 13:4**

**Marriage Is A Covenant Between God And The Married Couple: This is a public declaration.** Baptism - Salvation

**Paul Quotes Genesis 2 As God's Word: Ephesians 5:31  
Malachi 2:13-14**

**People break commitments, but a contract between God is so different! God alone can dissolve the contract – 1 Corinthians 7  
Adultery & Abandonment**

**Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all,**

**Marriage Is A Covenant:** Public Covenant before God, the church, family, and state. **Romans 13**

**Marriage - "being private" is birthed from this culture of individualism:**  
**Matthew 19:4-6**

"Divorce" "Separation" should be taken out of the Christian vocabulary.

**Men Need To Be Permanently Glued To Their Wife: 1 Peter 3:7**

**Faithfulness To Our Vow:** A willing choice, not forced, but we choose to make a commitment to another. In troubled times, we stay committed.

**Faithfulness To Our Calling:** We are committed to living out our commitment before God. God can give us His grace, and His love can be witnessed.

**Faithfulness To A Person:** A commitment to the maturity and growth of the other person.

**Faithfulness To A Relationship:** The unique and different people that we are, the unforeseen events of life, to be committed to be there, and allow God to be seen in our love for Him and each other.

### **3. Verse 24 Unity**

**and they shall become one flesh** – This speaks of sexual union – Devotion, Faithfulness in (Body) physically, (Soul) intellectually, (Spirit) spiritually.... Only by Jesus Christ.

**One Flesh Mentality:** That includes mentally entertaining thoughts of another person, including flirting with the opposite sex.

This would include nudity – pornography. Reserved for marriage: husband and wife.

**One Flesh Physically:** The sin of fornication.

**Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:16-17**

**Ephesians 5:31 the two shall become one flesh.**

**Dating and stirring up sexual passions is wrong: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**

**Sex Is Exclusively Meant For Marriage: Its fulfillment is through a monogamous marriage relationship for life. 1 Corinthians 7:1-6**

**4. Verse 25 Intimacy**

**Genesis 2:25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**Not Ashamed Before God: Genesis 3:7**

**Not Ashamed Before Each Other: God Uses Marriage As The Curriculum To God's Oneness/Likeness:**

*"naked" here, simply means "one is laid bare - there are no secrets - all the warts & blemishes are revealed & everything is laid bare."*

Has our conscience been cleansed? **Psalm 51:7-9; Revelation 16:15**

**and were not ashamed** - perfect relationship between Adam & Eve.

**2 Corinthians 5:17; John 20:22**

**Application:**

1. Marriage Designed By God Is Intended To Be Heterosexual And Monogamous.
2. Marriage Involves Both A Physical And A Spiritual Union. **Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5**
3. The Order And Function Of Creation Is To Be Carefully Noted. Adam's Headship In Marriage Was Established By God Before The Fall And Was Not A Result Of Sin.
4. When Married, Don't Attempt To Make Your Spouse A Replica Of Yourself, But Enjoy The Differences God Has Produced In Your Spouse.