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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Marriage

"It takes two to make a marriage a success and only one to make it a failure." – Herbert Samuel

"A man without a wife is like a vase without flowers." – Proverb (Cape Verde Islands)

"The happiness of married life depends upon making small sacrifices with readiness and cheerfulness." – John Selden

"Marriage is a fine and sacred thing if you make it so." – William Lyon Phelps

"What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility." – George Levinger

"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him'" (Gen. 2:18). So few seem to realize that marriage is of God. "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man" (Gen. 2:21-22).

Marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman. The modern effort to make it of the same sex is foreign to the word of God. In Paul's inspired writing, he even references the relationship between a man and a woman as "natural" and those of the same sex as "unnatural" (Rom. 1:26-27).

A new relationship is formed when the man and woman come together as a married couple. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt. 19:6).

God has designed such to be the beginning of a new home, and through such a relationship then procreation with the birth of children. "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Gen. 1:28).

Although marriage can be a beautiful relationship, there are many snares and temptations that try to destroy this God-given bond. The two that are in this relationship must work at it with a deep affection for one another and for God. Only in this way can it be lasting and pleasing in the sight of God.