

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY

GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF THE FAMILY

❖ Matthew 19:4-5; Genesis 2:20-24;

Genesis 1:27-28

❖ Origin: Divine

❖ Unchanged

❖ Transcending peoples, nations,
covenants

❖ Matthew 22:30

❖ Pertaining only to life on earth

GOD DEFINED AND REVEALED THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

❖ Companionship

❖ Genesis 2:18-20; Psalm 68:6; Proverbs 18:22; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

❖ Procreation

❖ Genesis 1:28; Psalm 127:3-5; Genesis 33:5; 48:9

❖ Satisfy sexual desire

❖ 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Proverbs 5:15-19; Hebrews 13:4

GOD DEFINED AND REVEALED THE PERMANENCY OF MARRIAGE

- ❖ God hates divorce

 - ❖ Malachi 2:16

- ❖ Husband and wife bound

 - ❖ Romans 7:1-3

 - ❖ Death of spouse, then no longer bound

 - ❖ Given right to remarry

- ❖ Rule: Don't divorce!

- ❖ One exception: Innocent may put away spouse who is guilty of fornication

 - ❖ Matthew 19:9

 - ❖ Innocent given right to remarry – not adultery

 - ❖ No other given the right to remarry – to remarry results in adultery

 - ❖ No other reason granted for divorce

GOD DEFINED AND REVEALED THE ROLE OF HUSBANDS

❖ Ephesians 5:23-29, 33

- ❖ Husband is the head of the wife
- ❖ Husband is to love wife as Christ loved the church
- ❖ Husband is to love wife as his own body
- ❖ Husband is to nourish and cherish his wife

❖ Colossians 3:19

- ❖ Husband is to not be bitter toward his wife
- ❖ Proverbs 12:18; 15:4

❖ 1 Peter 3:7

- ❖ Husband is to dwell with wife with understanding, giving honor to her
- ❖ Consequences if this is disobeyed

GOD DEFINED AND REVEALED THE ROLE OF WIVES

- ❖ Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; Colossians 3:18
 - ❖ Wives to submit to their own husbands
 - ❖ 1 Peter 3:5-6
 - ❖ Divine order
 - ❖ 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - ❖ Genesis 3:16
 - ❖ Not inferior. Equal but not the same
 - ❖ Galatians 3:28
- ❖ Very important role
 - ❖ 1 Timothy 2:15; 5:14; Titus 2:5
 - ❖ 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15

GOD DEFINED AND REVEALED THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN

❖ Parents:

❖ Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21

❖ Titus 2:4

❖ Child cannot be “left to himself”

❖ Proverbs 29:15

❖ 1 Samuel 2:12; 3:13

❖ Must teach our children

❖ Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 20-25

❖ What happened?

❖ Judges 2:10

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❖ Parents:

- ❖ Teach by appealing to and directing children to the right authority – God and His word
- ❖ Teach with certainty – absolute truth of God's word
- ❖ Teach with enthusiasm and desire for children's good
 - ❖ What's at stake? Their future...their eternal future
 - ❖ Cannot be an afterthought
- ❖ Teach by example
- ❖ Teach with repetition and reminders
- ❖ Home is the place for children to learn faith, love, hope, conviction, courage
- ❖ Home is the place for boys to learn to be godly husbands and fathers and their role in the family as God designed it
- ❖ Home is the place for girls to learn to be godly wives and mothers and their role in the family as God designed it

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❖ Children:

❖ Ephesians 6:1-3

❖ Colossians 3:20

❖ 1 Timothy 5:8

❖ 2 Timothy 3:2

PSALM 127:1

“Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it”