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# God's Design For Marriage

## Introductory Perspectives on Marriage:

1. Origin of problems in marriage
2. The family under attack
3. The overall effect
4. The Church of Jesus Christ has lasting answers and must proclaim them!

## I. Contemporary presuppositions and God's design

### A. Secular theories and marriage

### B. Scripture theology and marriage (Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19; Mark 10; Ephesians 5)

## II. Christian presuppositions and God's design (Genesis 1:27, 31)

### A. Celibacy (cf. 1 Corinthians 7:7, 26)

- B. Marriage is not to be \_\_\_\_\_!
- C. Sex and procreation
- D. Marriage is not to compete with human options or substitutes.
- E. Marriage is the picture of Christ's relationship to His Bride, the Church

### III. Creation theology and the original design (Genesis 2:18-23)

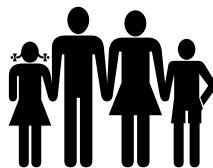
- A. Original purpose of marriage (Genesis 2:18)  
Hebrew, "to be alone"
- B. Original partners in marriage (Genesis 2:19-23)  
Hebrew, "suitable helper"

### IV. Covenantal bond in marriage

- A. A covenant (Proverbs 2:17; Malachi 2:14)  
Hebrew, "covenant"
- B. The essential unity of marriage (Genesis 2:24)

#### 1. Leave

- a. parent/child relationship



- b. husband/wife relationship



2. Cleave

3. One flesh