## "MARRIAGE, GOD'S IDEA"

Marriage was created by God Genesis 2:18 - 24

Marriage is good Genesis 1:26 – 31; Proverbs 18:22; Song of Solomon 2

Marriage is honorable Hebrews 13:4

As its Creator, God sets the boundaries and makes the rules for marriage Ephesians 5:22 - 33

Marriage is between one man and one woman, to each other Matthew 19:4 - 6

Marriage, the answer to sexual immorality 1 Corinthians 7:2, 8, 9

Marriage, where the two are to become one flesh Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5

Marriage, God's answer to "aloneness" Genesis 2:18

Marriage requires mutual submission 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Ephesians 5:21

The Bible opens with a marriage Genesis 2:18 – 25

The Bible ends with a marriage Revelation 19:7 – 9

Marriage is the first earthly institution and, therefore, the oldest institution created by God.

Marriage was created:

For procreation (children)

For pleasure

Genesis 1:28; Genesis 3:20

Proverbs 5:18, 19; Isaiah 62:5

Marriage reflects God's wisdom and love for man Genesis 2:18

Israel, the "Wife of God"

Jeremiah 3:14, 20; 31:32

The (true) Church, the "Bride of Christ" Romans 7:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 21:9

Marriage is a type of Christ and the Church Ephesians 5:22 – 32

Marriage is a mystery Ephesians 5:32

The (true) Church is on its way to a marriage Revelation 19:7, 8

The (true) Church is on its way to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb Revelation 19:9

Not everyone is meant to be married Matthew 19:10–12; 1 Corinthians 7:37, 38

John 2:1 - 11

Human marriages will not exist in heaven Matthew 22:29, 30; Luke 20:34, 35

There are many enemies to and attacks upon marriage.

Marriage was Created by God; Blessed by God; and, Meant to Last "Forever!"
But, Sin Entered ...And, through Sin ... Death ("Separation" came in many, many forms.)

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