

The Institution & Honor of Marriage
Session #1—EBC Marriage Conference 2023
Genesis 2:18-25

1. THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

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- b. Notice, secondly, that, by definition, marriage is the union of one man and one woman as one flesh.

- c. The third observation we learn from Genesis 2:22-25 is that marriage must be between a man and a woman.
 - i. 1 Cor. 7:2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

- d. Fourth, the only way a man and a woman are to be joined together and become one flesh is through the ordinance of marriage.

2. THE HONOR OF MARRIAGE

- a. First, let us look at how marriage is honorable in relation to God.
 - i. "Whereas all other ordinances were appointed of God by the hands of men, or the hands of angels, marriage was ordained by God himself who cannot err. No man nor angel brought the wife to the husband, but God himself; so marriage hath more honor of God...than all other ordinances of God beside, because He solmenized it himself"

- b. Second, marriage is honorable because of the circumstances of its institution.
 - i. "It was the first ordinance that God instituted, even the first thing which he did, after man and woman were created. Before man had any other calling, he was called to be a husband; therefore it hath the honour of antiquity above all other ordinances, because it was ordained first, and is the ancientest calling of men."

- c. Third, marriage is honored by the people who were the first to marry.
 - i. Henry Smith: "It is not said that he made the man a wife, but that he built him a wife, meaning that the man and the wife make as it were a house together, and that the building was not perfect until the woman was made as well as the man."

- d. Fourth, marriage is honorable in relation to Christ.
 - i. Hosea 2:19: 19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 11:2: 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

3. APPLICATION

The Purposes & Benefits of a Godly Marriage
Session #2—EBC Marriage Conference 2023
Genesis 2:7; 18-20

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The Mutal Duties of Love, Chastity, Help & Peace
Session #3—EBC Marriage Conference 2023
1 Peter 3:1-9

1. THE MUTUAL DUTY OF LOVE

- a. 1 Corinthians 16:14: Let all that you do be done with love.
- b. 1 Peter 4:8: And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”
- c. Colossians 3:14: But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
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