

The Home

- (Part I) -

God's Plan For Procreation And The Physical And Spiritual Welfare Of Man

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Text: Genesis 2:20-25

Theme: To emphasize God's plan for the home.

Introduction:

1. Not an expert on the home.
2. But we can study God's word together.
3. The home is God's plan, his institution.
 - a. Established in the Garden of Eden out of a great need.
 - b. Because it is his institution, when a marriage is formed, it is not just a contract involving two human beings but, also, these human beings enter into a contract with God.
 - c. Genesis 2:20-25- God's establishment of the home.

Discussion:

- I. The home is God's plan for procreation.
 - A. In order to effect the survival of the human race, God made them male and female - Genesis 1:27,28.
 1. And so desires were built in, so men and women would be attracted to each other.

- a. This desire is not sinful.
 - b. No more sinful than desiring food.
 2. God created the marriage relationship.
 - a. Through which these desires and needs can be satisfied.
 - b. God's plan is pure and holy.
 - B. But some would seek to pervert God's plan.
 1. In order for the human race to continue through the relationships of males and females in the marital union, it is necessary that the homes have stability and longevity.
 2. God deliberately provided a healthy atmosphere conducive to the growth of children.
- II. The home is God's plan for the physical welfare of man.
- A. God intended more for the home.
 1. It is not just a vessel of procreation.
 2. It is a means by which a man and a woman are drawn significantly closer together. "One flesh."
 - B. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone.
Genesis 2:18
 1. The "Papillion and Olds Developmental Psychology" text states observation of the societies of the world through the centuries has seen that all peoples of all time have sensed this need that women and men have between them and that these physical needs can only truly be met when men and women come together and form marital unions.
 2. Many studies have concluded that married people have certain advantages over non-married people.
 - a. A man named Campbell conducted a study in 1975 by interviewing 2,000 people. He found that:
 - 1) Married people are generally happier.
 - 2) Married people see themselves in a better light than do singles, widowed folks and divorcees.
 - b. Studies have shown that married people live longer. This is especially true of males.
 3. It is then that, generally speaking, it is physically and psychologically better to be married.

- a. Of course, God knew all this before any studies were done.
- b. This is why he made males and females and established the home relationship.

III. The home is God's plan for the spiritual welfare of man.

- A. Things are easier done when by two's.
 1. Acts 18 - Aquilla and Priscilla- accomplished great things together for the Lord.
 2. If we marry Christians who complement us, then together our complementary characteristics will bring out so much more in us.
 3. The home should encourage and enhance spiritual traits.
- B. Yes, Paul discussed benefits (spiritual) of being single.
 1. "For the present distress," I Corinthians 7:26.
 2. Matthew 9:12 - Jesus mentioned some single people who provide tremendous service.
- C. As a general rule, though, there are great spiritual benefits that come through marriage.
 1. And each partner is vital to the success of the other in such a relationship.
 - a. Men especially, should appreciate this.
 - b. Because they must know that it is very difficult to exercise good leadership in a home unless there is good followship. Must appreciate wives.
 2. And there are tremendous spiritual benefits to be realized by children in the home.
 - a. Consider Timothy who was taught the scriptures from his early days by his mother and grandmother.
 - b. Parents, fathers particularly, are exhorted to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ep.6:4)

Conclusion: A good title for the lesson.

1. The home should enhance all these areas. A little taste of heaven.
2. But why all the troubled homes then?

- a. Has God's plan failed? Is it outdated?
- b. No! The difficulties occur when we substitute man's plan for God's plan.
 - 1) Society is determined to go contrary to God's word.
 - 2) Church homes are troubled because society's values system is entering the church.
 - 3) The homes of the church will improve as we get back to God's plans.

Invitation: