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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. We live in a generation today that does not understand true value.
   2. In today’s message, we will focus upon treasuring family values.
      1. In order to understand this, we need to first understand what we mean by “family.”
      2. There are some people today who want to redefine the word “family,” and there are some who have no basis for true value.
      3. We will look at Adam and Eve, the first family, to find out some things about marriage.
   3. If someone is married, then they have a potential of great wealth.
      1. This does not mean financial wealth, but we can be marriage millionaires if we understand the value there is in a marriage.
   4. We find in the book of Genesis a basis for a wonderful marriage.
2. a marriage made by heaven (Genesis 2:18-25)
   1. Genesis 2:18-25
   2. True marriages are made in Heaven.
      1. Marriage did not come from evolution, nor is it a product of societal traditions and customs.
         1. Marriage is the most basic instinct in the hearts and minds of human beings.
      2. God designed marriage.
   3. There are five reasons for marriage:
      1. Companionship
         1. Genesis 2:18
         2. This is the reason why God had Adam name all of the animals.
            1. He knew that no animal could meet the need that Adam had for companionship.
            2. Adam noticed that all of the animals had mates, but he did not.
            3. God was saying to Adam that he needed a companion.
         3. There is no deeper fellowship than the companionship and fellowship of a husband and wife.
      2. Cooperation
         1. God said that He would make a fitting helper or helpmeet for Adam.
            1. Genesis 2:18
            2. In this verse, "helper" is a noun and not a verb.

It does not mean that she was just there to help him tend the garden.

Another man could have done that.

The emphasis here is not on what the wife does but on what the wife is.

She is a fitting helper to him.

* + - 1. They are to strengthen one another.
      2. The Bible says that two are better than one.
         1. Ecclesiastes 4:9
    1. Completion
       1. Genesis 2:18
       2. There is a part of the man that is missing without his wife.
       3. There is a part of the woman that is missing without the husband.
          1. That is the reason we call our wives or husbands the other half.
       4. While Adam and Eve were both made in the image of God, she was to be like him, but she was not to be the same as him.
          1. She was to make up that part that was missing.
          2. She was to be different.
          3. She was to be a supporter and a completer, not a competitor.
    2. Communication
       1. Genesis 2:23
          1. Adam said that Eve was now bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.
          2. The Bible also uses this as an analogy for Christ in the church.

Ephesians 5:30-32

* + - 1. A husband and his wife are to communicate a principle.
         1. They are to be a picture of the church and the Lord Jesus Christ.
      2. The greatest sermons that could be preached on this Earth are not necessarily preached from pulpits but from homes.
         1. The greatest testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is a Christian home.

Christianity in the early church went from house to house.

Our homes are to give praise to Him.

It is not your marriage; it is His marriage.

It is not your home; it is His home.

They are not your children; they belong to Him.

Your home is to be the center of God’s glory.

* + 1. Continuation
       1. Marriage is for procreation so that we can have children.
       2. Adam and Eve were to replenish the Earth.
       3. God gave marriage for the continuation of the human race.
  1. Because God had all these things in mind, God made us male and female.
     1. Genesis 1:27
     2. God made a difference between male and female.
        1. The devil has tried to blur this distinction.
           1. There is nothing more devastating to a Christian marriage than to blur the distinction between man and woman.
        2. A man is not superior to a woman; a woman is not superior to a man.
           1. But they are different.
     3. The Christian psychologist, James Dobson, has pointed out that even the way boys' and girls’ brains are wired is different.
        1. Boys tend to think from the right hemisphere of the brain and girls from the left hemisphere.
           1. This means that boys are by nature more manually oriented, and girls are more verbally oriented.

One way is not superior to the other, but they are different.

Some people will say that these things are cultural.

They are not cultural, but they are creational.

They come right out of who we are.

There is an instinctive difference.

* 1. There is a heavenly design but a human difference.
  2. There are God-given differences between men and women.
     1. Man is to be the provider, and woman is to be the helper.
        1. Genesis 2:15, 18
           1. The wife is to support the husband.
           2. The husband is to be the bread winner in the family.
        2. This is God’s original plan, and we are destroying that plan in our day and age.
        3. God gave the wife, not as a buddy, but as a companion.
        4. Sometimes in today’s economy, it is impossible unless both the husband and the wife work.
           1. This is a tragedy; things have become skewed.
           2. If the wife does work, let the husband’s work go for the basic necessities, such as the home, food, clothing, and transportation.
           3. But, if at all possible, let the wife stay home.

If she becomes the bread winner, then she will eventually resent her husband.

* + - 1. Some may say that if they both don’t work, then they will be unable to have all the things that others have.
         1. If we have a real and valued home, then others will be envious of what we have at home.
         2. A Greek philosopher once said that to whom little is not enough, nothing is enough.
    1. The husband is the protector, and the woman is the nurturer.
       1. Genesis 2:16-17
          1. God gave the warning to Adam.
       2. Genesis 3:20
       3. It is the woman who is to have the nurturing instinct.
       4. God made the man to protect the family.
          1. He is to stand against danger and especially against Satan.

God gave Adam dominion over all the beasts of the field.

Satan came in the form of one of the beasts of the field.

Genesis 3:1-6

Eve was the first to fall into temptation, but God held Adam responsible.

Romans 5:12

God pointed the finger of blame at Adam because Adam was the protector.

* + 1. The man is to be the leader, and the woman is to be the enhancer.
       1. God gave Adam instructions on how to lead.
          1. Genesis 2:16
       2. Genesis 3:20
          1. The woman is the mother.
       3. A man wants tools, and a woman wants things to beautify the house.
          1. It is wrong for the husband to try to stamp out the wife's desire for beauty in the house.
          2. God made woman with a nurturing instinct, and He made man with a building instinct.
    2. The man is physically strong, and the woman is more fragile.
       1. This is a generalization, and there can be exceptions.
       2. As a class, the man is physically stronger.
          1. 1 Peter 3:7
          2. This does not mean that the man is superior because he is stronger.

Denim is stronger than silk; but silk is more delicate, fragile, and more valuable.

The fact that the wife is the weaker vessel just simply means that God made the man to dig, to chop, to carry, to protect.

* + - * 1. God made woman to be gentler, tender, and to nurture.
    1. Men approach problems head first, and women approach problems heart first.
       1. This does not mean that men do not have emotions and that women are not logical.
       2. A woman is intuitive and emotional.
          1. God made her this way because it is her job to mother, nurture, show love, and be tender.
       3. A man has to face the world out there.
          1. He has to have that shell.
       4. Women think emotionally, and men think logically.
    2. Men tend to strive for achievement, and women strive for security.
       1. A man sees something he wants to do, and he sets a goal to go after it.
          1. He may see a deal that he wants to do and will take the family savings and invest it, but the woman doesn't want to do that.

She is not happy unless everything is in place.

* + - 1. The man sees his job as an extension of himself because he is the bread winner.
      2. The woman sees her home as an extension of herself because God made her to nurture.
         1. When a husband fixes things around the house, it says to his wife that he cares about her world.
    1. A woman tends to be more sensitive, and the man tends to be insensitive.
       1. Insensitivity is not a virtue that we ought to cultivate, but what some women might call insensitivity is a God-given instinct to be tough-minded.
          1. A man needs a thicker skin.
    2. Men tend to be defensive, and women tend to be trusting.
       1. A woman will find good in her husband and children when no one else can.
  1. God made us different that He might make us one.
  2. Is a man superior to a woman, or is a woman superior to a man?
     1. A woman is infinitely superior to a man at being a woman.
     2. A man is infinitely superior to a woman at being a man.
     3. God made us male and female, and the devil is hard at work trying to blur the differences between the sexes.

1. A marrige marred by hell (genesis 3:1-17)
   1. Genesis 3:1-5
      1. In this passage, we see Satan’s plan:
         1. To deny the authority of God.
         2. To debase man.
         3. To deny morals.
         4. To destroy the family.
         5. To dominate the world.
   2. Satan is at war against the home.
   3. Here is a satanic strategy and a domestic tragedy:
      1. Genesis 3:6-7
      2. Selfishness
         1. Eve took what she wanted.
         2. Homes have been ruined by immorality, drugs, alcohol, and pride.
         3. If our homes are not what they ought to be, then it is primarily because of selfishness.
      3. Shame
         1. Genesis 3:7
         2. Adam and Eve knew that they were naked.
         3. God meant for sex to be holy, beautiful, and wonderful.
            1. Satan has perverted it.
      4. Separation
         1. Genesis 3:12-13
         2. They began to blame one another.
            1. The communion was broken.
            2. As we listen to Adam, it sounds like he wishes he didn't even have Eve.
      5. Sorrow
         1. Genesis 3:16-17
   4. Satan is marring our families.
      1. Some have said that the traditional two-parent family is outdated, authoritarian, and the cradle of many of society's injustices.
         1. They say that it is a structure not worth having.
            1. But there is a way that is right, and it comes right out of the Word of God.
2. a family marked by hope (genesis 3:15)
   1. Genesis 3:15
      1. This was a prophecy of the coming of Jesus.
   2. Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding.
      1. John 2:1-10
      2. Jesus turned the water into wine.
   3. Jesus can turn the water of your sorrow into the wine of joy.
   4. Jesus can take your home and turn it into a miracle.
      1. If your home is filled with sorrow, shame, separation, blame, and heartache, then bring that home to Jesus and He will change you.
      2. Your home can be a little bit of Heaven if you will bring it to the Lord Jesus.
      3. Jesus, who turned water into wine, will turn arguments and strife and heartaches into peace, purpose, and joy.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. Do you want a millionaire marriage?
   2. Do you want a Christian home?
      1. You cannot have a Christian home without Christians.
         1. Give your heart to Jesus today.
   3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16