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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We live in a generation today that does not understand true value.
- b) In today's message, we will focus upon treasuring family values.
 - i) In order to understand this, we need to first understand what we mean by "family."
 - ii) There are some people today who want to redefine the word "family," and there are some who have no basis for true value.
 - iii) We will look at Adam and Eve, the first family, to find out some things about marriage.
- c) If someone is married, then they have a potential of great wealth.
 - i) This does not mean financial wealth, but we can be marriage millionaires if we understand the value there is in a marriage.
- d) We find in the book of Genesis a basis for a wonderful marriage.

2) A MARRIAGE MADE BY HEAVEN (GENESIS 2:18-25)

- a) Genesis 2:18-25
- b) True marriages are made in Heaven.
 - i) 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.
 - ii) God designed marriage.
- c) There are five reasons for marriage:
 - i) Companionship
 - (1) Genesis 2:18
 - (2) This is the reason why God had Adam name all of the animals.
 - (a) He knew that no animal could meet the need that Adam had for companionship.
 - (b) Adam noticed that all of the animals had mates, but he did not.
 - (c) 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.
 - ii) Cooperation
 - (1) God said that He would make a fitting helper or helpmeet for Adam.
 - (a) Genesis 2:18
 - (b) In this verse, "helper" is a noun and not a verb.
 - (i) It does not mean that she was just there to help him tend the garden.
 - 1. Another man could have done that.
 - (ii) The emphasis here is not on what the wife does but on what the wife is.
 - 1. She is a fitting helper to him.
 - (2) They are to strengthen one another.
 - (3) The Bible says that two are better than one.

- (a) Ecclesiastes 4:9
- iii) 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.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) She was to make up that part that was missing.
 - (b) She was to be different.
 - (c) She was to be a supporter and a completer, not a competitor.
- iv) Communication
 - (1) Genesis 2:23
 - (a) Adam said that Eve was now bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.
 - (b) The Bible also uses this as an analogy for Christ in the church.
 - (i) Ephesians 5:30-32
 - (2) A husband and his wife are to communicate a principle.
 - (a) They are to be a picture of the church and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (3) The greatest sermons that could be preached on this Earth are not necessarily preached from pulpits but from homes.
 - (a) The greatest testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is a Christian home.
 - (i) Christianity in the early church went from house to house.
 - (ii) Our homes are to give praise to Him.
 - (iii) It is not your marriage; it is His marriage.
 - (iv) It is not your home; it is His home.
 - (v) They are not your children; they belong to Him.
 - (vi) Your home is to be the center of God's glory.
- v) 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.
- d) Because God had all these things in mind, God made us male and female.
 - i) Genesis 1:27
 - ii) God made a difference between male and female.
 - (1) The devil has tried to blur this distinction.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) But they are different.
 - iii) 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.

- (a) This means that boys are by nature more manually oriented, and girls are more verbally oriented.
 - (i) One way is not superior to the other, but they are different.
 - (ii) Some people will say that these things are cultural.
 - 1. They are not cultural, but they are creational.
 - 2. They come right out of who we are.
 - a. There is an instinctive difference.
- e) There is a heavenly design but a human difference.
- f) There are God-given differences between men and women.
 - i) Man is to be the provider, and woman is to be the helper.
 - (1) Genesis 2:15, 18
 - (a) The wife is to support the husband.
 - (b) 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.
 - (a) This is a tragedy; things have become skewed.
 - (b) If the wife does work, let the husband's work go for the basic necessities, such as the home, food, clothing, and transportation.
 - (c) But, if at all possible, let the wife stay home.
 - (i) If she becomes the bread winner, then she will eventually resent her husband.
 - (5) Some may say that if they both don't work, then they will be unable to have all the things that others have.
 - (a) If we have a real and valued home, then others will be envious of what we have at home.
 - (b) A Greek philosopher once said that to whom little is not enough, nothing is enough.
 - ii) The husband is the protector, and the woman is the nurturer.
 - (1) Genesis 2:16-17
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) He is to stand against danger and especially against Satan.
 - (i) God gave Adam dominion over all the beasts of the field.
 - (ii) Satan came in the form of one of the beasts of the field.
 - 1. Genesis 3:1-6
 - 2. Eve was the first to fall into temptation, but God held Adam responsible.
 - a. Romans 5:12

- b. God pointed the finger of blame at Adam because Adam was the protector.
- iii) The man is to be the leader, and the woman is to be the enhancer.
 - (1) God gave Adam instructions on how to lead.
 - (a) Genesis 2:16
 - (2) Genesis 3:20
 - (a) The woman is the mother.
 - (3) A man wants tools, and a woman wants things to beautify the house.
 - (a) It is wrong for the husband to try to stamp out the wife's desire for beauty in the house.
 - (b) God made woman with a nurturing instinct, and He made man with a building instinct.
- iv) 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.
 - (a) 1 Peter 3:7
 - (b) This does not mean that the man is superior because he is stronger.
 - (i) Denim is stronger than silk; but silk is more delicate, fragile, and more valuable.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (c) God made woman to be gentler, tender, and to nurture.
- v) 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.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) He has to have that shell.
 - (4) Women think emotionally, and men think logically.
- vi) 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.
 - (a) 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.
 - (i) She is not happy unless everything is in place.
 - (2) The man sees his job as an extension of himself because he is the bread winner.
 - (3) The woman sees her home as an extension of herself because God made her to nurture.
 - (a) When a husband fixes things around the house, it says to his wife that he cares about her world.
- vii) 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.
 - (a) A man needs a thicker skin.
- viii) 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.
- g) God made us different that He might make us one.
- h) Is a man superior to a woman, or is a woman superior to a man?
 - i) A woman is infinitely superior to a man at being a woman.
 - ii) A man is infinitely superior to a woman at being a man.
 - iii) God made us male and female, and the devil is hard at work trying to blur the differences between the sexes.
- 3) A MARRIGE MARRED BY HELL (GENESIS 3:1-17)
 - a) Genesis 3:1-5
 - i) 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.
 - b) Satan is at war against the home.
 - c) Here is a satanic strategy and a domestic tragedy:
 - i) Genesis 3:6-7
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) 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.
 - (a) Satan has perverted it.
 - iv) Separation
 - (1) Genesis 3:12-13
 - (2) They began to blame one another.
 - (a) The communion was broken.
 - (b) As we listen to Adam, it sounds like he wishes he didn't even have Eve.
 - v) Sorrow
 - (1) Genesis 3:16-17
 - d) Satan is marring our families.

- i) 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.
 - (a) But there is a way that is right, and it comes right out of the Word of God.

- 4) A FAMILY MARKED BY HOPE (GENESIS 3:15)
 - a) Genesis 3:15
 - i) This was a prophecy of the coming of Jesus.
 - b) Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding.
 - i) John 2:1-10
 - ii) Jesus turned the water into wine.
 - c) Jesus can turn the water of your sorrow into the wine of joy.
 - d) Jesus can take your home and turn it into a miracle.
 - i) If your home is filled with sorrow, shame, separation, blame, and heartache, then bring that home to Jesus and He will change you.
 - ii) Your home can be a little bit of Heaven if you will bring it to the Lord Jesus.
 - iii) Jesus, who turned water into wine, will turn arguments and strife and heartaches into peace, purpose, and joy.

- 5) CONCLUSION
 - a) Do you want a millionaire marriage?
 - b) Do you want a Christian home?
 - i) You cannot have a Christian home without Christians.
 - (1) Give your heart to Jesus today.
 - c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - d) 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.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16