

MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY

(Matthew 19:3-6)

- Introduction:
1. Too many marriages are like the couple who was married 10 years ago by the Justice of the Peace. And since that time, they have had neither justice nor peace.
 2. But this was not God's plan.
 3. Marriage was intended by God to be a blessing for man (Genesis 2:18).
 4. Marriage has been greatly abused by men and women today.
 5. Rather than a blessing, it has become a curse.
 6. Let us examine three points that God makes about marriage that will help our marriages be what God intended for them to be.

I. Marriage Is To Be Between Male And Female

- A. (Matthew 19:4).
- B. Who would have thought that we would even need to say that.
- C. There is a very powerful political and religious force that is pressing us to accept and bless "same-sex" unions.
- D. (Romans 1:27).

II. In Marriage, The Couple Leaves Father And Mother

- A. (Matthew 19:5).
- B. Marriage is a new unit, and is not to be governed or controlled by any other family unit.
- C. The problems resulting from failing to leave father and mother are not nearly as funny as our "in-law" jokes would suggest.
- D. Many marriages are destroyed by meddling parents and immature marriage partners.

III. In Marriage, The Couple Is To Cleave To Each Other

- A. (Matthew 19:5).
- B. There are several factors that are very important about this joining or cleaving:
 1. This joining should be indicative of a physical, emotional, and spiritual closeness.
 2. This joining demands a standard of conduct (Amos 3:3).
 3. This joining is permanent.
 4. The glue that holds this union together is love (I Corinthians 13).

- Conclusion:
1. Conduct yourself as God would have you, and your marriage will be a blessing.
 2. Whether your marriage is a drudgery or a foretaste of heaven itself is largely up to you.