

“God’s Plan for Marriage”

Malachi 2:10-12

I. Marriage is a covenant _____

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“Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?”

Deuteronomy 32:6

**II. The marriage covenant
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“When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites,

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the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ² For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass.”

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³ *So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down **astonished.***

Ezra 9:1-3

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“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial?”

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Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

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*‘I will dwell in them and walk among them.
I will be their God, and they shall be my
people’”*

2 Corinthians 6:14–16

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“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

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¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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A. Physical factor

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- A. Physical factor
- B. Spiritual factor

III. Marriage is a covenant to

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