

SS, MARRIAGE, A Biblical Survey of Procreation Mike Fairchild, 3/12/23

Introduction:

This class is not an experience-based summation of marital relations.

This class is not the 'Stu and Beth', 'bonnie and mike' success stories.

This class is not about a social contract based on social norms.

Marriage is a Bible based pattern

Marriage is a God designed dictate

Marriage is purposeful and beautiful

We hope to answer several questions

Is a thorough design? If so is that design evident in the Bible?

What relationship is there between the design and marriage?

Are there clear directions to guide us?

Is any part of this subject to change?

Today we will look at God's Great Big Plan

In weeks following we will see the structure of marriage that God has chosen

God's Great Big Plan

Gen 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the live stock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

A) Man is made similar to God in some respects.

B) Mankind made to function in pairs.

C) There is a duty to fill the earth with orderly or Godly people (God wants lots and lots of orderly or Godly people)

Summation

A pattern becomes clear. That goal is a lot of holy people.

Example

1 Noah's story Gen 6:5-7

5 the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually.

6 and the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

7 so the Lord said, "I will blot out man who I have created, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them".

Comment

The great big plan of God appears to be interrupted by sin. Something is not correct.

But God through his grace made a difference

Gen 6:8-9

8 but Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

9 these are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

A return to the original duty

Gen 9:2 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”.

Abrahams Story- A Separate Nation Promised

Gen 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land tht I will show you.

2 and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

(And all of this hinged on Sarah at 90 years of age, having a son.)

Comments

A separate nation is born

Jacobs family enters into Egypt numbering 70 people. 400 years later, the family emerges from Egypt hundreds of thousands

The New Covenant

Jer 31:31-33

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah

32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord

33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God and they shall be my people.

(It is clear that God wants A LOT of holy people)

The End of The Story**Rev 21:1-8**

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with

them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Comments

Marriage is one of the means to this end.

It is a holy people, so the big plan is God wants a world full of holy people.

The Revelation passage declares this accomplished

Applications

- 1. I will be their God and they will be my people**
- 2. God's plan is REALLY BIG**
- 3. Sin has forced a 2-tiered process**
 - a. Natural children must be born**
 - b. They are to fill the earth**
 - c. Special grace would create from the natural children, a spiritual people**
 - d. Spiritual children will fill the whole new earth**
 - e. Anything that is contrary to this goal is sin**
- 4. The structure of marriage is designed by God to reach these goals Adam and Eve as a pair are commanded to multiply and fill the earth**
- 5. Noah and his wife are commanded to multiply and fill the earth**
- 6. Abraham and Sarah are told they will be a blessing to the whole earth**
- 7. The history of Israel as a nation reveals that God's plan is big in number and holy in aspect**