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Purpose of marriage (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-22)

To rule over creation (1:26)

To populate the earth (1:28)

- Genesis 9:1,9 & 11:1-4,9

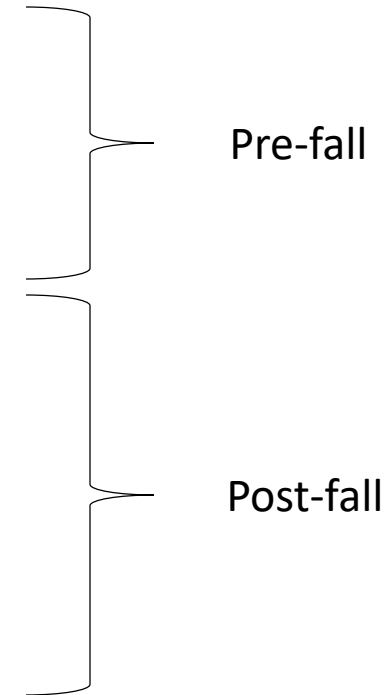
To complete the creation (2:18-22)

Produces pure pleasure, joy and fellowship

- Proverbs 5:15-20

Prevents sexual immorality

- 1 Corinthians 7:1-5



To serve God together by being obedient to His Word and to be used by God together to accomplish His will

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Procedure of marriage (Genesis 2:23-24)

God initiated the marriage

God introduced Eve to Adam

God pronounces them married

- See Matthew 19:4-5

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Permanence of marriage (Genesis 2:24b)

Mark 10:5-9 = Christ's teaching on divorce signifies a powerful truth about what occurs spiritually in a marriage

2 examples of Scripture declaring the reality of this truth

- Mark 6:17-18 – “your brother's wife”
- John 4:15-18 – “is not your husband”

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Perfection of marriage (Genesis 2:25)

“Naked and unashamed”

- They had perfect bodies
- They had perfect trust

Although this is true, it is not the point of the proclamation.

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Picture of marriage (Ephesians 5:32-33)

God says “I chose you”

- John 15:16, Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Eve finds life in man, church finds life in Christ

- 1 Cor 11:7, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelation 21:9-11

No spiritual offspring without spiritual intimacy

- John 15:1-6

We are exclusively Christ's' forever

- 2 Corinthians 11:2-3

Marriage is for as long as you live, we will live forever with Christ with no fear of separation or judgement

- 1 Thessalonians 4:17