

WORD

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WHAT

The Bible says that every good thing comes from God (James 1:17); one of which is marriage. This God-initiated union is a relationship covenant between a man and a woman. Here are three points to better understand what marriage is and God’s purpose for it.

1 God designed marriage.

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A well-engineered product is one with function, aesthetics, purpose, and life. The Greatest Engineer designed marriage with the same goals. Anything that goes outside the design is considered a misuse. To better use or maximize the purpose of something, where should we go? Why is God’s opinion on marriage the one that truly matters?

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2 Marriage is a union between a man and a woman.

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What makes marriage beautiful is that it is a union of two complementing parties: a man and a woman. In fact, the difference between a husband and a wife is what makes them complementary. The different but complementing traits could add to the union’s strength if understood properly. What does Ephesians 5:22-33 say about this?

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3 God intended marriage to remain a union for life.

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When God starts a union, each party must work to keep it together. It is indeed a covenant not a contract. A contract has limited life while a covenant is for a lifetime. Also, parties in a contract seek their respective gain. In a covenant, each party should give and, if possible, sacrifice to keep the relationship alive. What practical ways can a couple do to keep the unity of their marriage?

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