

MARRIAGE

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

(Gen 1:26 NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 2:7-8 (NIV)

the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

Genesis 2:15-17 (NIV)

(Gen 2:15 NIV) The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:18-20 (NIV)

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Genesis 2:21-23 (NIV)

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Genesis 2:24-25 (NIV)

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Point 1

God models relationship for us in the trinity.

Oneness

(John 17:20 -21 NIV) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Male and Female

(Gen 1:27 NIV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Point 2

The closest and most tender relationship into which humans can come is marriage.

The two will be one flesh

(Mat 19:4-6 NIV) "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'

and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

So they are no longer two, but one.

Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Point 3

God intended for sex to be between one man and one women in a committed relationship we call marriage.

Women

(Genesis 2:23 NIV) *The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', ' for she was taken out of man."*

Be Fruitful

(Gen 1:28 NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Point 4

God's intent was for children to be born into a family with a father and mother in a committed loving relationship.

Any sexual expression outside of marriage is wrong.

- This means that adultery is wrong [Exodus 20:14]
- This means that fornication (sex before marriage is wrong) [1 Cor 6:9]
- This means that homosexuality is wrong. [Romans 1:26-27 Lev 18:22]
- This means that sex with an animal [Lev 20:15]

Hope for Brokenness

(Isa 61:1 NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

His yoke is easy

(Mat 11:28-30 NIV) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

A Great Hope

(Eph 1:18-19a NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Come near to God

(James 4:8 NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

CONCLUSION