

August 27, 2023
Dr. Jay Robertson

Series: "The Biblical Family in a Post-Christian World"
Sermon: "God's Divine Design for Gender and Marriage" Part 2
Scripture: Genesis 2:18-25
Memory Verse: Genesis 2:24

Introduction

- A. "When the world is screaming about things like sexuality and gender but the church remains silent, then a whole generation only hears one worldview. The church must be loving, but it can't be silent. When the Bible speaks on things, we must teach the next generation what it says" (Shane Pruitt).
- B. As we begin the series "The Biblical Family in a Post-Christian World," we must define the terms.
- C. Big Idea: God designed gender, human sexuality, and marriage for his glory and human flourishing.

I. God Created Marriage (2:18)

- A. Before God created marriage, he created man. Male and female he created them (Genesis 1:27).
- B. Gender is an essential part of what it means to be human.
- C. Gender is not a social construct imposed by society. It is established by God at the moment of your conception.
- D. Gender is essential for the fulfillment of the cultural mandate (Genesis 1:28).
- E. "Helper"—one who supplies strength in an area that is lacking. 16 of 19 times in the Old Testament this word refers to God.
- F. "Fit"—like opposite. Matching him in a way that complements him.
- G. Complementarianism—God creates the male and the female as equals, but he assigns them different roles to fulfill in the marriage relationship.
- H. What is marriage? "Marriage is a sacred bond (covenant) between a man and a woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God, normally consummated by sexual intercourse" (Andreas Kostenberger).

II. God Gives and Governs Our Desire for Marriage (2:19-23)

- A. Marriage is the primary mechanism for the dance of the genders. The dance of marriage is based on the dance of the Trinity.
- B. God gives us the desire to get married. [1 Corinthians 7:7]
- C. God made ("artistically built") the woman and brought her to the man.
- D. God governs our desire to get married.
 - 1. Marry one person from the opposite sex.
 - 2. Marry a Christian. (2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:39)

III. God Designed Marriage to Be the Highest of All Earthly Relationships (2:24-25)

- A. Four principles of marriage
 - 1. Severance (2:24a)
 - 2. Permanence (2:24b)
 - 3. Unity (2:24c)
 - 4. Intimacy (2:24c-25)
- B. Do not let anyone or anything interfere with your marriage.

Conclusion

- A. Do you embrace your God-given gender?
- B. Are you being trained and disciplined to be a godly man or woman?
- C. Are you seeking Christ as your first priority?

D. Husbands and wives, how is your relationship with Christ? What is the spiritual temperature in your home?

E. Marriage is intended to portray the gospel of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:31-32).

F. The Gospel Definition