

Family Worship Guide:

Marriage

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

SUMMARY:

The Lord saw that it was not good for man to be alone, so He made him a helper. After Adam fell asleep, God took one of his ribs and fashioned another human, which was called woman. Thus Adam sang with joy as he beheld another creature like himself, “ This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.” And it was established before God, that man shall leave his father and his mother to hold fast to his wife (Gen. 2:21-24). Furthermore, God’s word says that wives are to submit to their husbands just as Christ is the head of the church, and we believers submit to Him (Eph. 5:22-24). Husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies by presenting them blameless at the day of the Lord (Eph. 5:25-33). So they are no longer two but one flesh, and what God joins together let not man separate (Matt. 19:5-6).

quoted from Baptist Catechism & various texts from Eph, Gen, Matt, & Mark.

READ

Read Genesis 2:18-25

1. Why did God create another creature for Adam that was like himself?
2. In what specific ways, does human marriage represent Christ and the church?
3. Why is marriage held so highly before God throughout the New Testament? What are some things that God says regarding marriage in the NT?

PRAY (A.C.T.S.)

1. **Adoration:** Praise Him for His reflection of Christ and the church in marriage. Praise Him for His beauty displayed in creation. Praise Him for His purposes through all things, even in something as simple as marriage.
2. **Confession:** Confess to the Father the ways you have dishonored marriage and viewed it wrongly in light of God’s Word. Confess the ways you have turned to your own desires and failed to acknowledge His presence in your daily life. Confess your desire for control and independence apart from God.
3. **Thanksgiving:** Thank the Lord for providing Christ to humbly live and die in our place. Thank Him for His love unto us displayed through Christ’s perfect faithfulness. Thank Him for His sufficiency and for providing our needs on earth.
4. **Supplication/requests:** Pray for evangelistic opportunities and pray for the non-believers in your life that God would save them. Pray for God to help you be completely dependent upon Him for all things. Pray for God to protect your steps and help you see your sin clearly.

SING

- Sing/Listen to the hymn of the month, ”Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (Found on our Redeemer Church App).