

Marriage - God's Plan

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- Naming animals > delegated authority over Creation
- Adam needed to realize need for help-meet
- Initially: Naked & NOT ashamed 25
- Marriage: place where we come closest again to be naked & not ashamed
 - Heb 13:4; 1 Cor 13:4-7; Gal 3:13; Jn 10:10
 - Rebel against the Fall: Eph 4:22ff; Mk 10:27

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- God's glory show in male & female
- Need & satisfaction found in each other=God's glory
- reproduction & gift of children=God's glory
- one-flesh =God's glory
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- God can provide self-control while waiting Gal 5:23
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Principle 2: Marriage is given by God for our good and His glory in our lives.

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Marriage Enemy 1: Defilement Heb 13:4; Mal 2:14-16

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