

MARRIAGE SYLLABUS

SESSION TWO

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God's Purpose in Our Marriage

Genesis 2.18-25

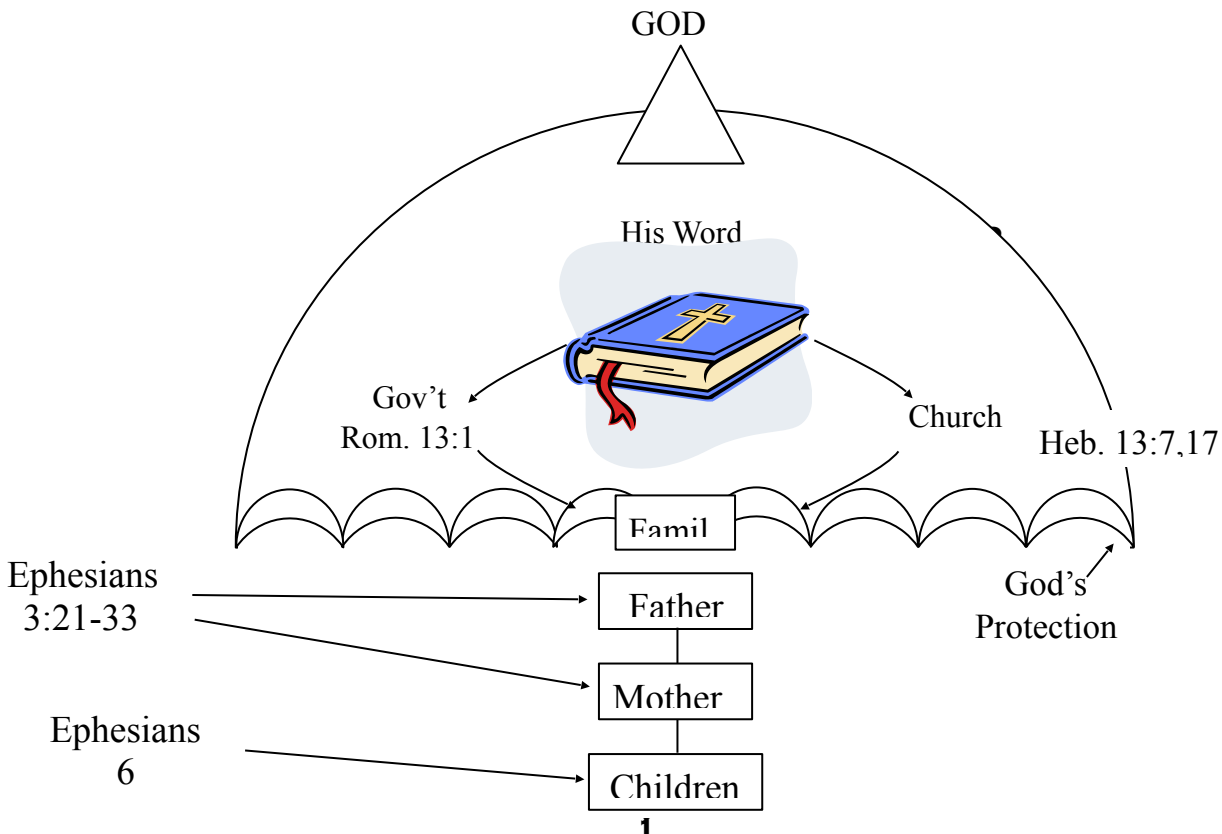
The PROBLEM (vs. 18-20)

The PRESCRIPTION (vs. 21-23)

The PURPOSE (vs. 24-25)

1. SEVERANCE: Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother
2. PERMANENCE: And shall cleave unto his wife
3. UNITY: And they shall be one flesh
4. INTIMACY: And they were both naked and were not ashamed

Who Is The Head Of The Home?



1. Ephesians 5:22-33

a. The **Wife** (vs. 22-24)

1) **Who?**

WIVES...applies to every Christian wife, regardless!

2) **What?**

BE SUBJECT...word used to describe lining up for battle under someone's direction. It is choosing to place oneself under the authority of another person

3) **To Whom?**

TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS...God's chain of command is seen

4) **How?**

AS TO THE LORD...a wife who properly submits to her husband also submits to the Lord. And a wife who does not submit to her husband also does not submit to the Lord

5) **Why?**

FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE...According to verse 23, it is because the Lord has made the husband the functional head of the family

6) **Why Else?**

AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST...According to verse 24, the wife, through the way she responds to her husband, is to be a picture to the world around her of how the church is to respond to its head, Jesus Christ.

b. The **Husband** (vs. 25-31)

1) **Who?**

HUSBANDS...applies to every Christian husband, regardless.

2) **What?**

LOVE YOUR WIVES...This is "agape" self sacrificial love.

3) **How?**

JUST AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH ...the role of the husband in marriage is a great privilege, yet a greater responsibility. Through the way he loves his wife, he should be a picture to the world of how Christ loves the church. This involves:

- a) SACRIFICE v24
- b) SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP vs26-27
- c) SUPPORT v28-30
- d) STABILITY v31

c. **Summary** (vs32-33)

- 1) The most important role of marriage is the opportunity to picture to the world the relationship of Christ and the church v32
- 2) This occurs as the husband lovingly leads his wife and as the wife reverentially responds to her husband v33

NOTE: The world teaches that marriage is a 50/50 relationship. The husband gives 50% and the wife gives 50% which equals 100% and makes a successful marriage. This is **WRONG!** Marriage is a 100/100 relationship. The husband gives 100% and the wife gives 100%. Only this will make a successful marriage.

Furthermore, the world teaches that if your mate is not pulling their share of the weight, you don't need to give your best either. This is **WRONG!** Before God, you are responsible and will be held accountable to fulfill your marriage role, even if your mate is failing to accomplish their marriage role.

2. I Peter 3:1-7

a. **WIVES** (vs. 1-6)

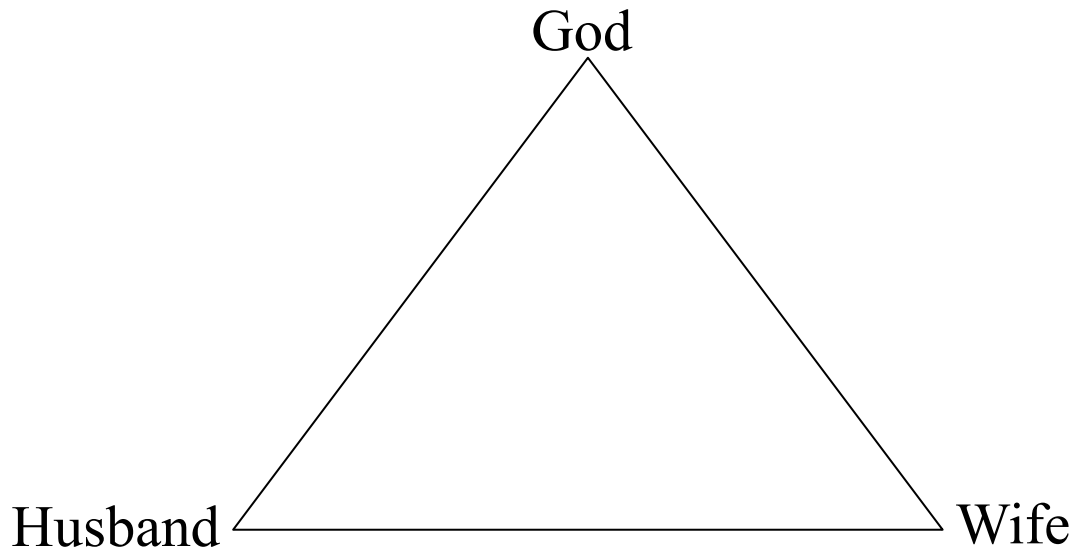
- 1) Your **Behavior** (vs. 1-2)...chaste and respectful behavior!
- 2) Your **Appearance** (vs. 3-5 a)...more concerned about inner beauty than outward beauty!
- 3) Your **Response** (vs. 5b-6)...pay close attention to the needs of your husband and your family!

b. **HUSBANDS** (v7)

- 1) **Live With** Your Wife...imitate the process of domestic harmony and in-depth partnership with your wife!
- 2) **Honor** Your Wife. ..See her and treat her as a precious, valued treasure

The Foundation Needed

1. Spiritual Oneness



2. Three Commitments

- a. Total commitment to **JESUS**
- b. Total commitment to the **WORD OF GOD**
- c. Total commitment of your **MARRIAGE TO GOD**