

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 18 – “Marriage: The Biblical Model”

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:28-33

Second in importance only to baptism, the institution of _____ is the oldest institution of relationships given to humanity from the infinite _____ of our _____. This complementary relationship was indeed a _____ in Heaven and _____ in the Garden of Eden while the first _____ and woman stood in the innocence and perfection of love. With God as the binding tie, He brought the _____ and the female together for _____ companionship as husband and wife, at which time Adam uttered the first _____ declaration, “This is now bone of _____ bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man.” Embedded in this statement was Adam’s _____ to care for his bride as himself. Together God commanded them to _____ and thus continue in His work of _____ beings in His image. But sin has made a _____ of God’s ideal. What counsel is there that can help us get back to this _____? Let us open our Bible’s and prayerfully _____ on God’s Word today.

Christ’s Model for Marriage

1. What is _____ by “Wives, submit to your own husbands”? *Eph. 5:22-24; Col 3:18*
2. What counsel guards against _____ and abuse of the wife? *v 25-27; 1 Pt. 3:7*
3. What is the marriage _____ exemplified by Christ and the church? *v32,28-31*
4. What is the only thing more important than _____ intimacy? *1 Cor. 7:1-5; Song 2:16*
5. What will be _____ exchanged when these counsels are observed? *Eph. 5:33*

The family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred, of any on earth. It was designed to be a blessing to mankind. And it is a blessing wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities. ¶Our homes must be made a Bethel, our hearts a shrine. Wherever the love of God is cherished in the soul, there will be peace, there will be light and joy. Spread out the word of God before your families in love, and ask, “What hath God spoken?” ¶Christ honored the marriage relation by making it also a symbol of the union between Him and His redeemed ones. He Himself is the Bridegroom; the bride is the church, of which, as His chosen one, He says, “Thou art all fair, My love; there is no spot in thee.” **The Adventist Home, pp. 18-19, 26**

May Christ’s love reign in your marriages for the well-being of your homes!