



What Is Marriage?

Genesis 1-3

Nature of creation: unique and unified

Nature of God: create and relate

Nature of humans: physical and spiritual

Theological Statements

Contract vs. Covenant

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) When you think of the nature of God, would you expect His original creation to be orderly and purposeful or chaotic and random? See Genesis 1:1-3, 3:17-19. How does this impact marriage?
- 2) Why are both masculine and feminine required to form a biblical marriage? How does sex fit into the biblical definition?
- 3) How do you balance the role of government and the Church in people's lives? Explain how the interests of government and the Church might conflict on marriage.
- 4) How is covenant marriage different from contract marriage? Describe how covenant marriage reflects God's dealings with us.

Memory Verse

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Genesis 2:24