

Marriage By Divine Design

Introduction: "God _____ the first man and woman in holy matrimony, establishing the institution of marriage. Here we find marriage by divine design. There is no other way we should view marriage except the way God gives it to us—by divine _____" (Sexton).

- I. The _____ for Marriage (Genesis 2:18-24)
 - A. The first time God declared something to be "not good" was when Adam did not have a _____ (Eccl. 4:9-12).
 - B. God designed the perfect _____ to man.
 - C. The woman was created _____ man and for man—Ladies, you are your husband's greatest gift and prized possession (Prov. 12:4; 31:10).
 - D. God's perfect design is _____ man for _____ woman.
 - E. Any perversion of this design is to be _____, not promoted and applauded (Lev. 18:22).
 - F. Marriage is about leaving all others and _____ to one another.
 - G. We need to live out this design in such a way so others will want to _____ it.
 - H. "If [children] do not see a Christian marriage lived in your _____, no amount of Sunday school, no amount of Christian school, and no amount of church attendance will be enough" (Sexton).
- II. The _____ in Marriage (Hebrews 13:4; Proverbs 2:16-19)
 - A. Marriage is honorable in God's eyes—"held as of great _____."
 - B. Physical intimacy is blessed by God within the _____ of marriage (Gen. 2:25; Prov. 5:15-20).
 - C. Sexual relations outside of marriage will be _____ by God.
 - D. What society says is _____ is not so with the Lord (Mal. 3:6).
 - E. God calls any person who is not your spouse a _____--foreigner/ not belonging to you; unlike your spouse whom you know intimately.
 - F. You can and should refer to your spouse as "_____ wife/husband."
 - G. When you said "I Do" you gave up your rights and gave them to your spouse and you now _____ to them (1 Cor. 7:1-5).
- III. The _____ of Marriage (Matthew 19:3-9)
 - A. Marriage is an illustration of the union between Christ and the Church—it is a very _____ illustration to preserve (Eph. 5:22-32).
 - B. God _____ divorce (Mal. 2:14-16).
 - C. Divorce was not part of God's _____ plan, but has been allowed because of sin.
 - D. We are often _____ to the Lord and He never forsakes us.
 - E. Every Christian marriage should be founded with this _____

Conclusion: Satan is attacking the institution of marriage. He knows how much he can accomplish if he succeeds in destroying and perverting this divinely designed and foundational institution.