

Marriage ordained by God in the beginning.

Genesis 2:18-25 (p 3)

Sin destroyed the relationship

Genesis 3:16 (p 4)

God takes marriage seriously

- Leviticus 20:10 (p 135)
- Deuteronomy 22:22 (p 227)
- Malachi 2:16 (p 1106)
- Matthew 5:31-32 (p 1116)



Marriage is a covenant of responsible love, a fellowship of repentance and forgiveness.

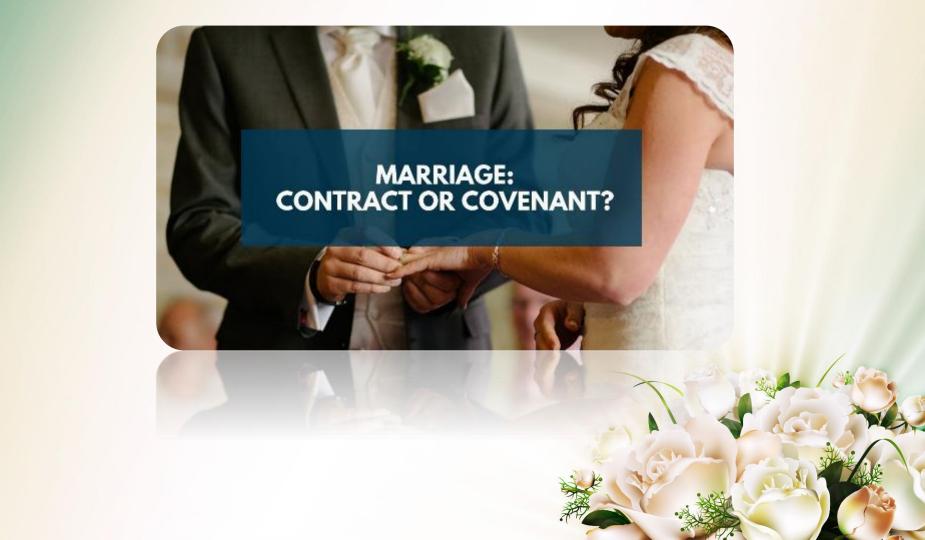
(Wayne Oates)

David Augsburger defines marriage by first asking,

"Is marriage a private action of two persons in love, or a public act of two pledging a contract?" Then he goes on to say, "Neither.

It is something other.

Very much other."



Marriage is a Spiritual Covenant

It is sacred – Matthew 19:6 (p 1134)

"What God has joined together"

A covenant is based on trust; a contract on distrust.

A covenant is lifelong and not to be broken;

a contract can be voided by mutual consent.

Genesis 9:81-7 (p 9)

The marriage ceremony

- ✓ Groom enters first
- ✓ Father gives bride away
- ✓ Ring is a "token of the covenant"
- ✓ Changing of names
- ✓ The guest book





- ✓ The reception food
- ✓ Eating the cake



WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE LAST? COMMITME

"Commit" - verb that means to do or perform

God's perspective of marriage:

- ✓ Companionship Genesis 2:18 (p 3)
- ✓ Completeness Genesis 2:18 (p 3)
- ✓ Communication

Proverbs 5:15-21 (p 730)

1 Peter 3:7 (p 1392)



WITH GOD Matthew 19:6 (p 1134)



WITH THE WORD OF GOD Ecclesiastes 5:1-5 (p 767)



WITH EACH OTHER
Hebrews 13:4 (p 1384)



Philippians 2:1-5 (p 1349)



LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE
BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND
GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN
HEAVEN. (MATTHEW 5:16)



