

# *Marriage Is A Covenant*



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:  
CONTRACT OR COVENANT?**



# 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 9:8 1-7 (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 receiving line
- ✓ The reception food
- ✓ Eating the cake

# WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE LAST?

COMMITMENT

“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)**



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**WITH GOD**

**Matthew 19:6 (p 1134)**





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**WITH THE WORD OF GOD**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-5 (p 767)**



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**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)

