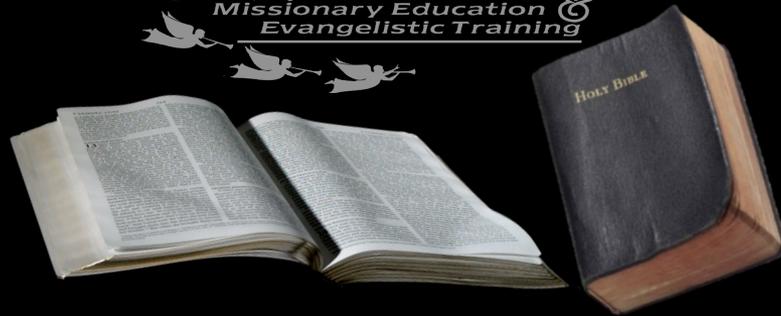


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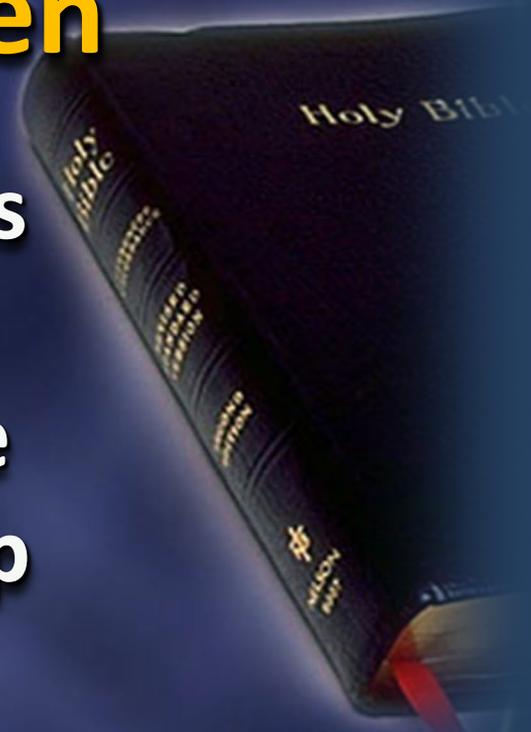
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“Know ye that the LORD he is
God: it is he that hath made
us, and not we ourselves; we
are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.”

Psalm 100:3



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PRESERVING THE SACRED CIRCLE

There is a sacred circle around every family which should be preserved. No other one has any right in that sacred circle. The husband and wife should all to each other.

COMPASS



TRUE NORTH OR MAGNETIC NORTH

COMPASS



Proverbs 4:23



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A SACRED CIRCLE

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Home Is the Heart of All Activity

Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are "the issues of life"; and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences. {AH 15.1}



**GOD'S PLAN FOR PRESERVING
THE SACRED CIRCLE**

53 years

THREE TYPES OF MARRIAGES

The background of the slide features a romantic scene at sunset. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a man and a woman are shown in profile, facing each other as if in conversation. They are positioned on the right side of the frame. To the left, a large, dark rock formation stands in the ocean. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from a pale yellow near the horizon to a soft blue at the top. The overall mood is serene and intimate.

1. ENJOY

2. ENDURE

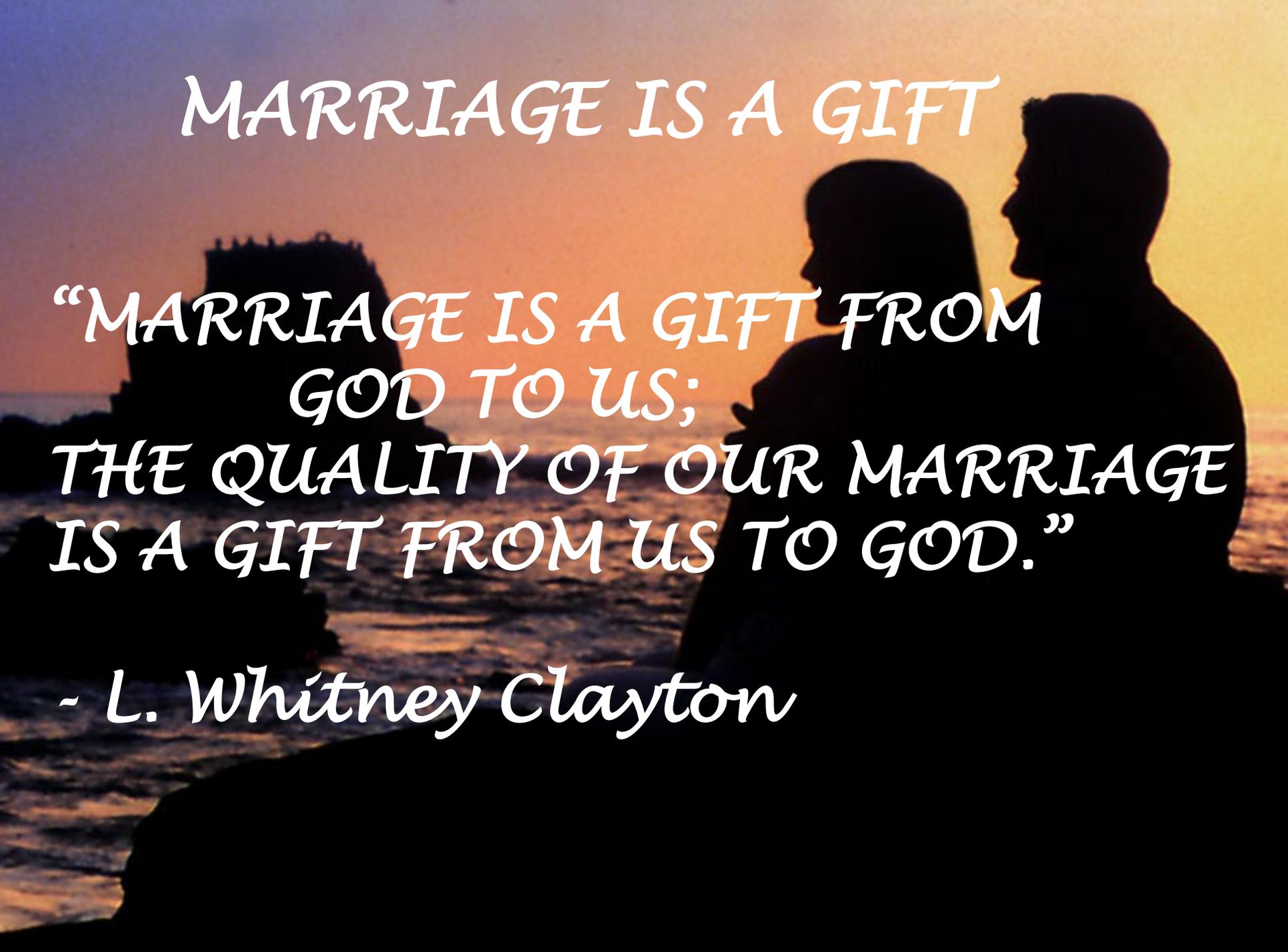
3. ESCAPE

A still life composition featuring a glass oil lamp, an open Bible, and red roses on a white lace cloth. The lamp is on the left, the Bible is in the center, and the roses are on the right. The text "THE DIVINE DESIGN" is overlaid in the center in a yellow, italicized font.

THE DIVINE DESIGN

God's *Purpose* for
Your Marriage



A romantic scene at sunset with the silhouettes of a man and a woman looking out at the ocean. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, stylized font.

MARRIAGE IS A GIFT

*“MARRIAGE IS A GIFT FROM
GOD TO US;
THE QUALITY OF OUR MARRIAGE
IS A GIFT FROM US TO GOD.”*

- L. Whitney Clayton

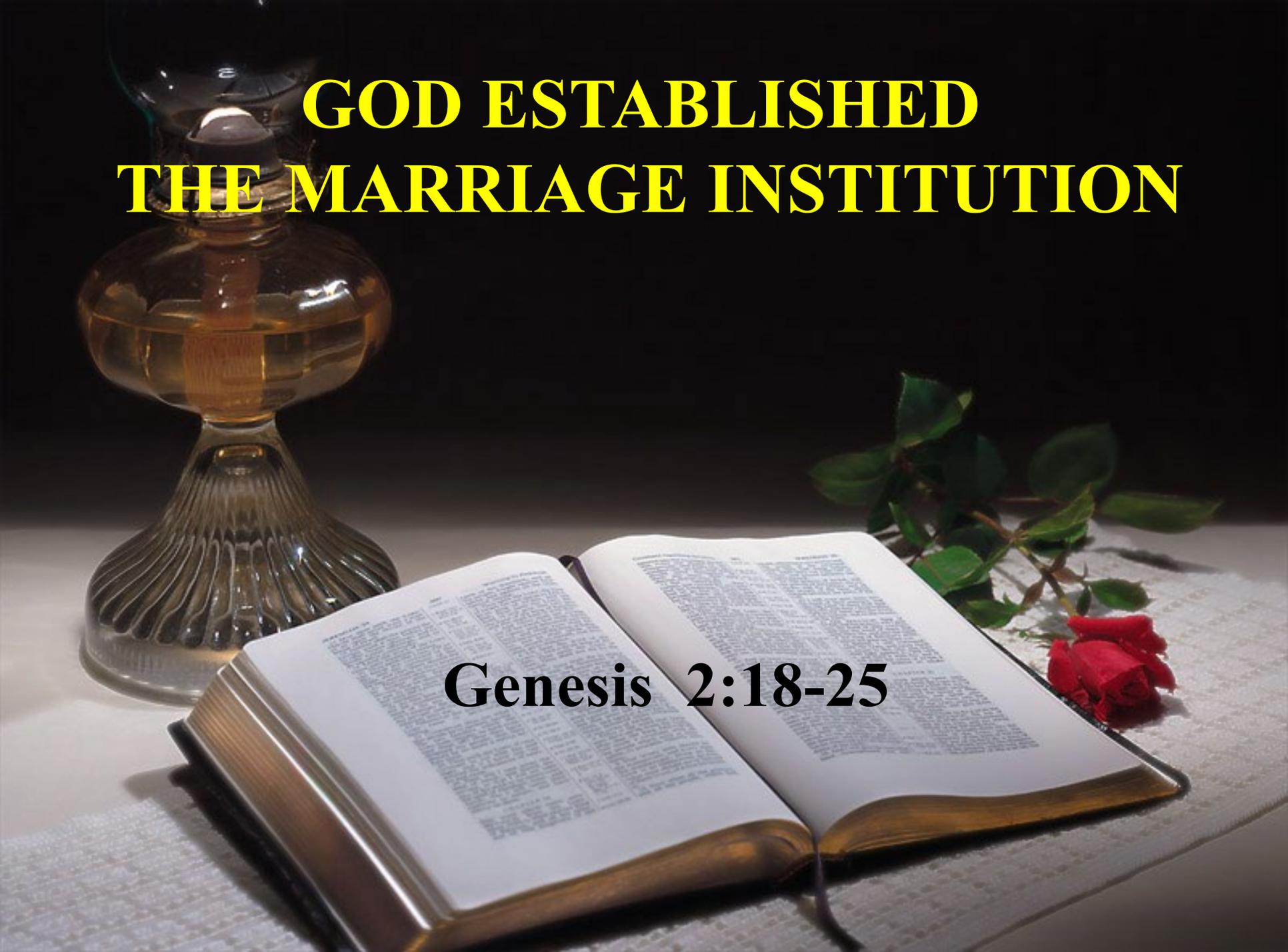
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GOD ESTABLISHED THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION

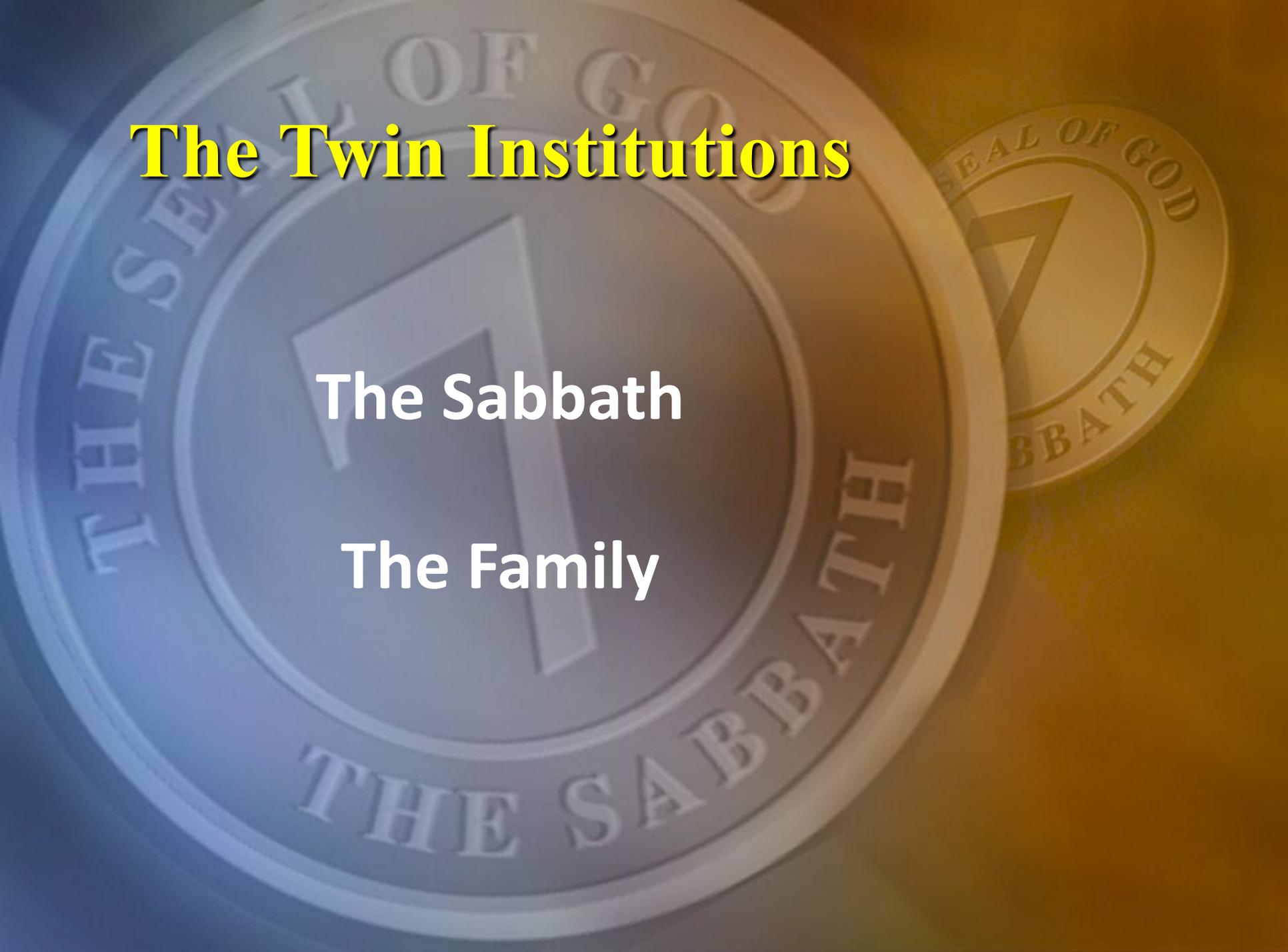
Genesis 2:18-25

An open Bible with a glass oil lamp and red roses. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the text "Genesis 2:18-25" is overlaid on it. To the left is a glass oil lamp with a flame. To the right are several red roses with green leaves. The scene is set on a white surface against a dark background.

Genesis 2

Three Vital Principles:

- 1. SABBATH**
- 2. MARRIAGE**
- 3. FREE CHOICE**



The Twin Institutions

The Sabbath

The Family

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Twin Institutions

Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. . . . ***Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions*** for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity. Then, as the Creator joined the hands of the holy pair in wedlock, . . . He enunciated the law of marriage for all the children of Adam to the close of time.

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That which the Eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man. Like every other one of God's good gifts entrusted to the keeping of humanity, marriage has been perverted by sin; but it is the purpose of the gospel to restore its purity and beauty. {FLB 253.4}

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God celebrated the first marriage. Thus the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. "Marriage is honorable" (Hebrews 13:4); it was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that, after the Fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. When the divine principles are recognized and obeyed in this relation, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and happiness of the race, it provides for man's social needs, it elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature. {PP 46.3}

Matthew 19:5,6



WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER

A romantic scene at sunset with a man and a woman in silhouette. The woman is on the left, looking towards the man on the right. They are standing on a rocky shore with waves crashing against the rocks. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Matthew 19:5,6 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The First Book of Moses Called

GENESIS

1:27

At the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[John 1:1-3]
Jer. 4:23 • Is. 40:13, 14

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God divided the light from

whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

Heb. 6:7 • 2 Sam. 16:1

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years."

A thick, braided rope made of three strands, set against a dark, textured background. The rope is the central focus, running diagonally from the top right towards the bottom left. The background is a dark, mottled brown with some lighter, vertical streaks, suggesting a stone or wood surface. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“A CORD OF THREE
STRANDS IS NOT
EASILY BROKEN.”

—Ecclesiastes 4:12



**THE HEART
OF THE FAMILY
IS
MARRIAGE**



A still life composition featuring a glass oil lamp, an open Bible, and red roses on a white lace cloth. The lamp is on the left, the Bible is in the center, and the roses are on the right. The background is dark, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the objects.

The Marriage at Cana

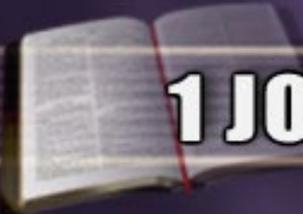
The Beginnings of Jesus Miracles

John 2: 1-11

A still life composition featuring a glass oil lamp, an open Bible, and red roses on a white lace cloth against a dark background. The lamp is on the left, the Bible is in the center foreground, and the roses are on the right. The word "MARRIAGE" is written in large yellow letters across the top, and "Ephesians 5:32" is written in black letters across the Bible.

MARRIAGE

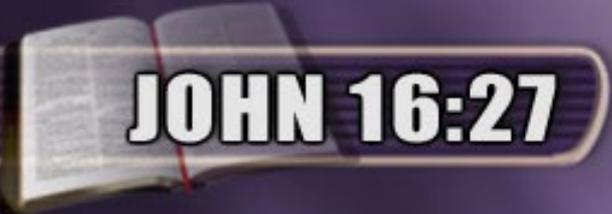
Ephesians 5:32



1 JOHN 4:8

“God is love.”





JOHN 16:27

**“For the
Father
Himself
loves
you . . .”**





JEREMIAH 31:3

**“... Yes, I
have loved
you with an
everlasting
love ...”**

A king with a beard and crown, wearing a purple and gold robe, holding a scepter. The background is dark with a green vertical stripe on the left.

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PSALM 100:5



**“For the LORD
is good and
His love
endures
forever . . .”**

LOVE DEFINED



Love: Selfless, other-centered, passion; chosen devotion to the well being and happiness of others above self; a score of zero (as in tennis); to hold one's self in a zero position due to high value placed on someone else.

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a firm grip, symbolizing connection and relationship. The hands are positioned in the center-right of the frame, with the fingers interlaced. The background is a dark, blurred gradient of blue and purple. The text "God is Relational" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font with a thin blue outline.

God is Relational

Isaiah 43:1-7

7 [Even] every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

We were created
with the capacity to
love and to be
relational like our
Creator.



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THE OBJECT OF LOVE

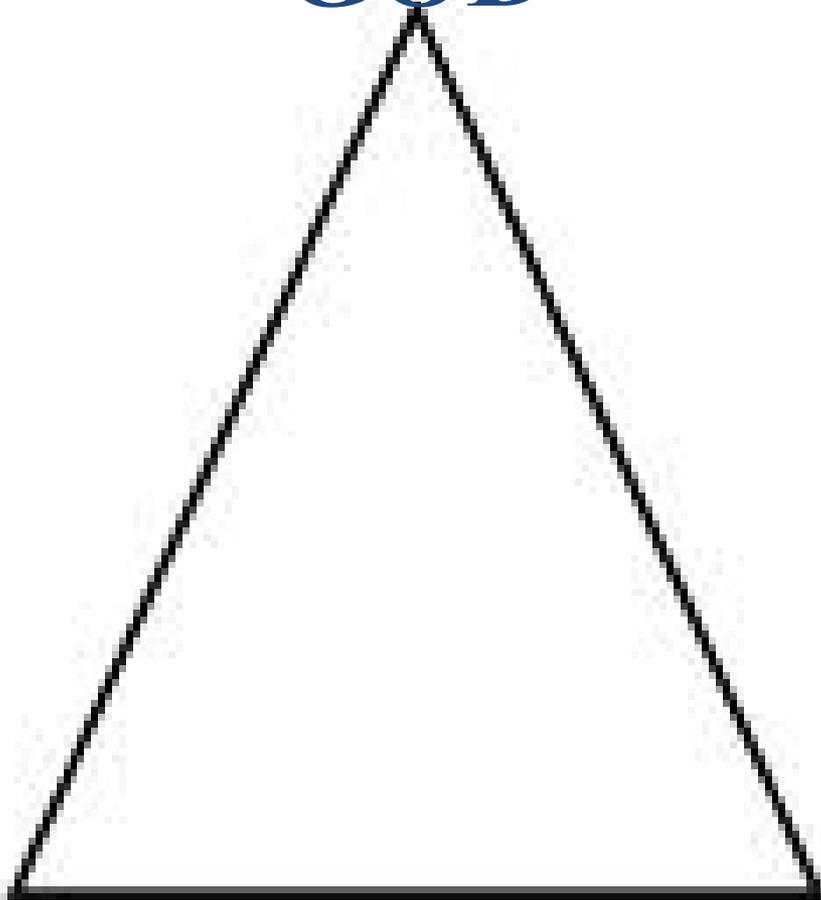
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GOD

ADAM

EVE

**Alone
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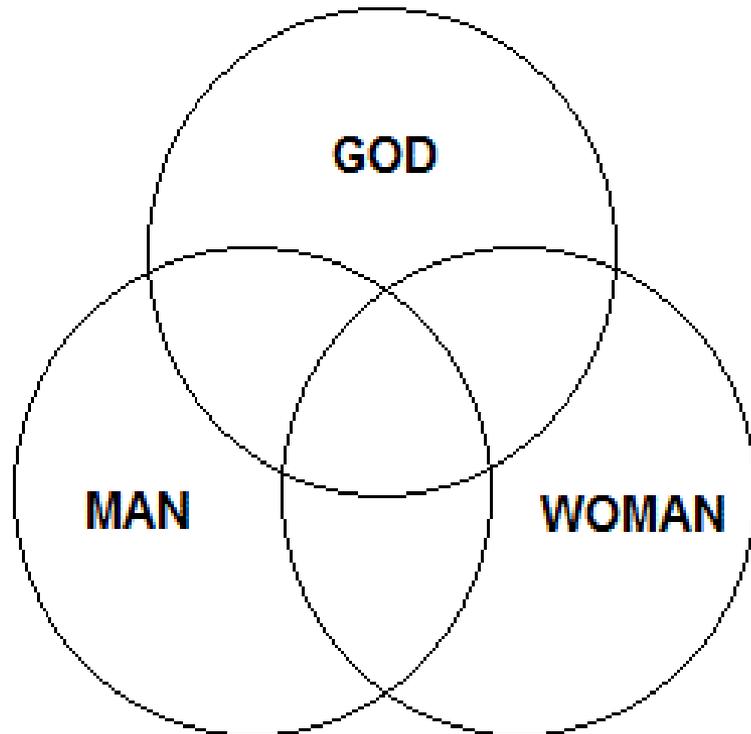
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Love/Submit Relationship

Ephesians 5: 21

THE DIVINE DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE



God's Original Plan for Marriage:

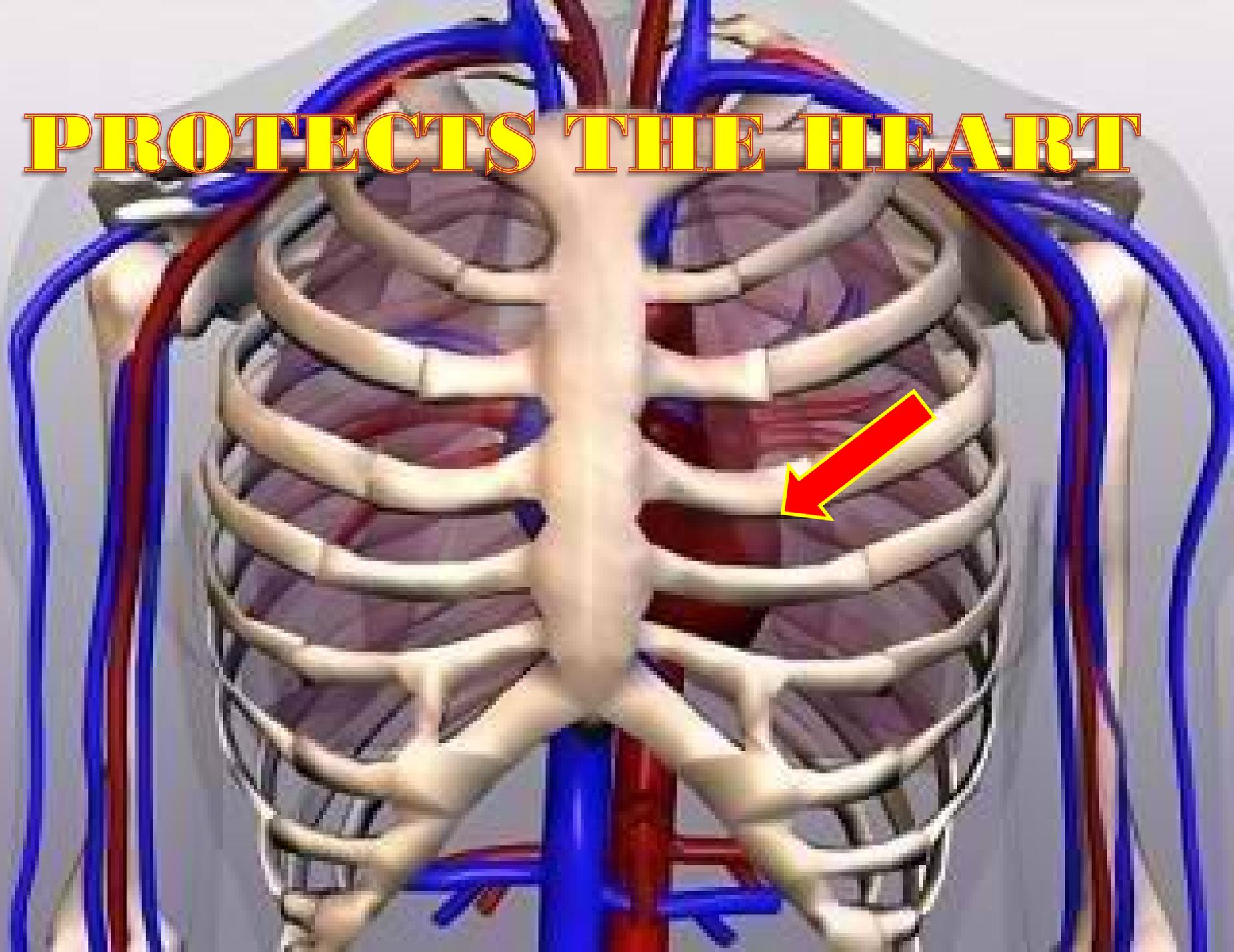
- * Spiritual union between God & man
- * Spiritual union between God & woman
- * Physical union between man & woman
- * Intimate relationship between the three

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2:21-23

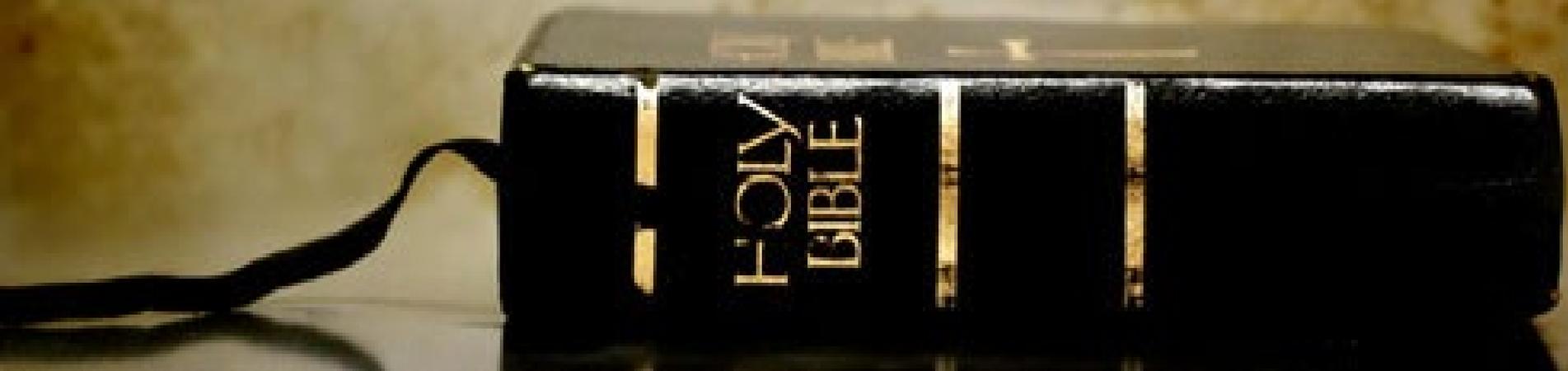
PROTECTS THE HEART



ADAM A TYPE OF CHRIST

Romans 5:14

1 Corinthians 15:45

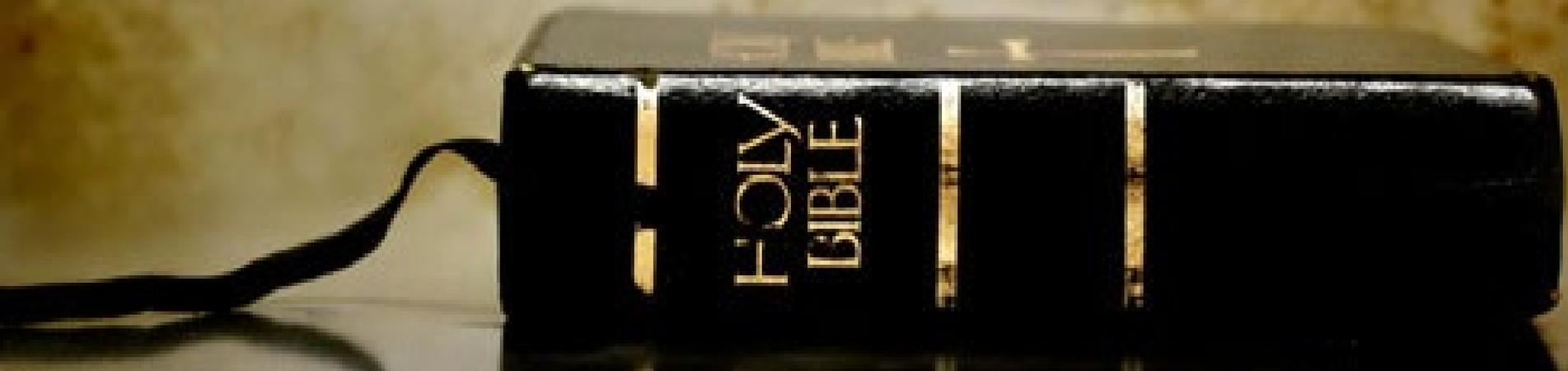


EVE A TYPE OF THE CHURCH

Jeremiah 6:2

2 Corinthians 11:2

Revelation 12:1,2

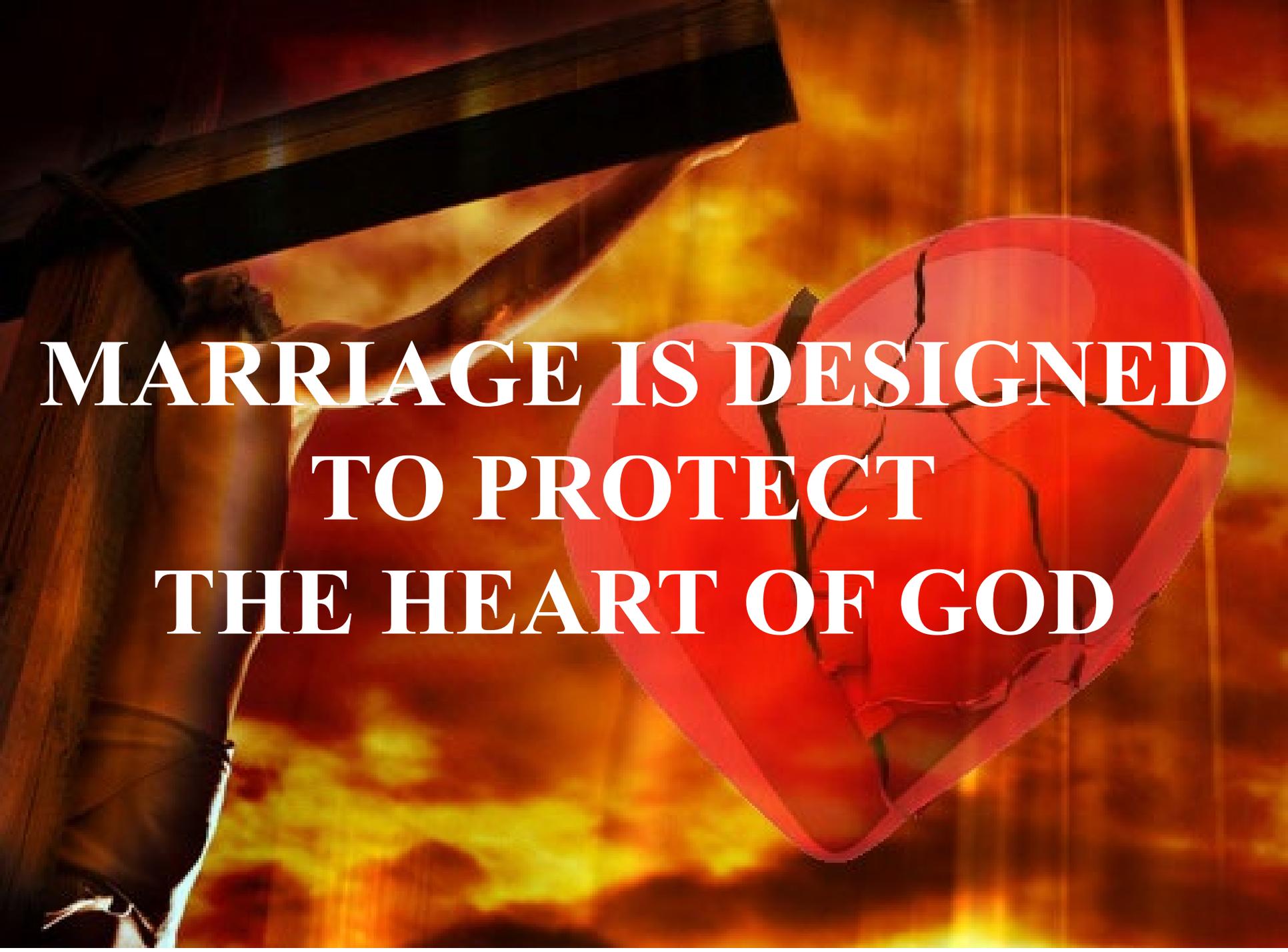


CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

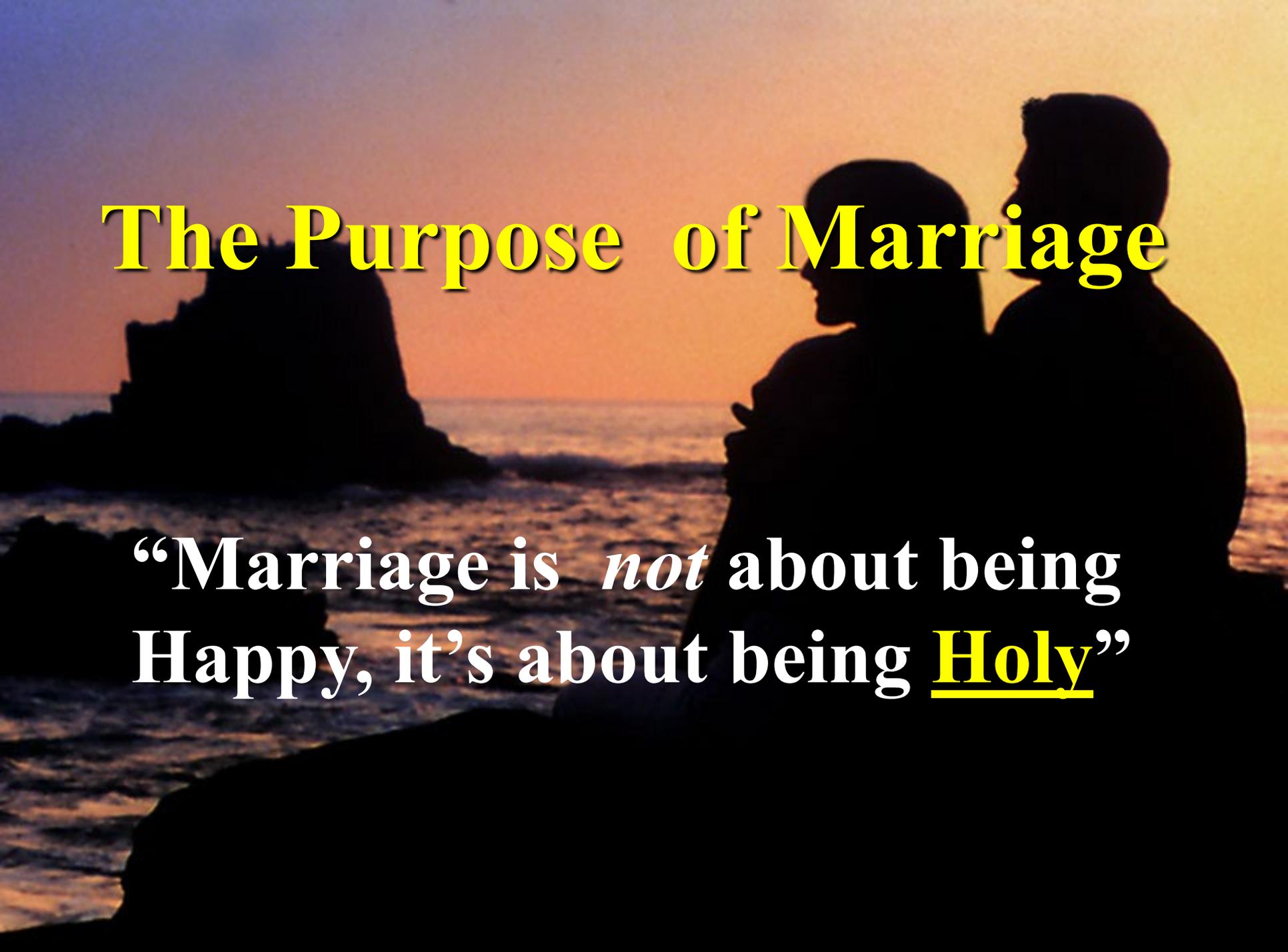
Ephesians 5: 28-32

**THE HEART
OF THE FAMILY
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MARRIAGE**





**MARRIAGE IS DESIGNED
TO PROTECT
THE HEART OF GOD**

A romantic scene of a couple in silhouette on a beach at sunset. The man is on the right, and the woman is on the left, both looking out at the ocean. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the water is dark with white foam from the waves. The couple's forms are dark against the bright background.

The Purpose of Marriage

“Marriage is *not* about being Happy, it’s about being Holy”

A still life composition featuring a glass oil lamp, an open Bible, and red roses on a white lace tablecloth. The lamp is on the left, the Bible is in the center foreground, and the roses are on the right. The background is dark.

HAPPINESS

Happiness is a by product of Holiness.

Psalm 144:15; 146:5

Dear Woman,

When I created the heavens and earth, I spoke them into being.

When I created man, I formed him and breathed life into his nostrils.

But, you woman, I fashioned after I breathed the breath of life into man,

because your nostrils are too delicate. I allowed a deep sleep to come

over him so I could patiently and perfectly fashion you.

Man was put to sleep so that he could not interfere with the creativity!!!!

From one bone I fashioned you. I chose the bone that protects man's life.

I chose the rib, which protects his heart and lungs and supports him,

just as you are meant to do on a daily basis. For without you he has no protection!

Around one bone I shaped you molded you. I created you perfectly and beautifully.

Your characteristics are as the rib, strong yet delicate and fragile.

You provide protection for the most delicate organ in man, his heart.

His heart is the center of his being; his lungs hold the breath of life.

The rib cage will allow itself to be broken before it will allow damage to the heart.

Support man as the rib cage supports the body.

Author Unknown

A person in silhouette stands with arms outstretched inside a large, glowing heart-shaped archway. The archway is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The background is a dark, textured blue and purple sky. The overall scene is surreal and symbolic.

A NEW HEART

Ezekiel 36:26,27 ; 11:19,20

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT

A still life composition featuring a glass oil lamp on the left, an open Bible in the center, and a sprig of red roses on the right, all resting on a white lace cloth. The background is dark, and the scene is lit from the side, creating soft shadows.

Judges 2:1

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THE HOME

**Better than gold is a peaceful home,
Where all the fireside charities come;
The shrine of love and the heaven of life,
Hallowed by mother, or sister, or wife.
However humble the home may be,
Or tried with sorrows by heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And center there, are better than gold.**

Anon. {MH 362.3}

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