

MARRIAGE:

God's Way

Who Are We?

- .. We are created by God
- .. We are created in God's Image
- .. We are created male and female
- .. We are created, but fallen.

.. We are created:

- ¡ And as such are of great significance – we are not “dust in the wind”;
- ¡ And we are therefore those who are under God’s authority;
- ¡ God’s authority extends to all of life in general and to marriage in particular.

.. We are created in God's
image

*“So God created man in His own
image; in the image of God He
created him; male and female He
created them.”*

Genesis 1:27

- .. We are created in God's image
 - ; And so we have the capacity to reason, to create, to communicate, to worship;
 - ; And so we as people are of great significance;
 - ; And so the way we treat one another is important

“With it (the tongue) we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.”

James 3:9, 10

· We are created male and female

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

- .. We are created male and female:
 - ı Men and women are equal in God's sight;
 - ı There is no basis for racial prejudice;
 - ı We reflect God in marriage and the male/female relationship

.. We are created, but fallen

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

What is the problem with society?

“Dear Sir: I am. Yours sincerely.”

What is Marriage?

.. What marriage is:

- ; Marriage is a “*covenant*”
- ; “*Covenant*” involves total commitment!

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.”

Genesis 2:24

- .. What marriage is for:
 - ı Marriage is for companionship
 - ú “*a helper suitable*”
 - ı Marriage is for “oneness”
 - ú “*they shall become one flesh*”
 - ı Marriage is for children
 - ú “*be fruitful and multiply*”
 - ı Marriage is for Christ
 - ú “*love your wives...as Christ loved*”

What is our Hope?

- .. The Promise of Christ
 - ; *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”* I Timothy 1:15
- .. The Power of Christ
 - ; *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness....self-control.”* Gal. 5:22