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"The First Wedding"

Genesis 2:18-25

Introduction: The passage which we have landed on today is very timely. I am reminded of what was written in the book of Proverbs:

Proverbs 16:9

⁹ A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

We have been in Genesis for quite some time and on our journey we have went to various other studies. But God brought us here today and the timing is perfect.

This past week the US Supreme Court voted that the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional. Let me tell you what the Defense of Marriage Act is:

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) enacted September 21, 1996, is a United States federal law that allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed under the laws of other states.

The law was decided to be unconstitutional which means 2 things:

1. If a California recognizes same sex marriage and a couple moves from there to a state which opposes the union that state will be forced to provide the same benefits for the gay couple as they do for heterosexual couples.
2. It is another step closer to our government stepping in and forcing churches to accept the gay lifestyle, to perform same sex marriages, and it will eventually be against the law to speak out against homosexuality.

You see, this is a major part of a spiritual battle and it is going to get more and more costly to stand for the Truth of God's Word.

Remember that I told you a while back the church of Jesus Christ in the USA has never been tested but you can mark it down, the fires of persecution are being stoked and we are beginning to feel the heat from the fire.

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In our study of *Genesis* today we have come to the very first wedding. In this wedding we can see *God's* plan for the family and His blueprint for marriage.

Remember we are still looking at the events of the 6th day of creation.

I. The Desire of Adam (2:18-20)

Notice *Genesis* 2:18

I love this verse because in the verse we can see *God's* love for man and His care of man. *God* knew that as time went on Adam would desire companionship and so *God* would give to Adam a "help meet". This would be a helper who would work with him and would be suitable for him.

This companion would be the one who would help him to fulfill the command to be fruitful and multiply.

Now let us understand that Adam had no say in his help meet. It would be completely up to *God* as to who Adam would get.

While I consider this I am also reminded of what we looked at last week when we looked at the description of the garden where Adam was placed. It was the perfect surrounding for Adam. The garden had the most beautiful trees, trees with an assortment of fruit and nuts for food and in the garden was the spring which was so large there were 4 rivers which flowed from it. All of this speaks of how *God* desires the best for man. He had the perfect surrounding and all the food needed to sustain him.

Now he was about to get *God's* perfect gift of a life partner and the partner he would get would be given out of *God's* perfect wisdom.

This statement is so important to grasp. The partner Adam is about to receive is given out of *God's* perfect wisdom and was not to be altered in anyway.

II. The Building of Eve (2:21-22)

Notice *Genesis* 2:21-22

There are 3 points to be seen from this verse:

1. *God's* plan for the family.

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It is one man and one woman. In His perfect wisdom God made a woman for Adam He did not make another man. The family is designed to procreate and that is impossible for same sex couples.

Genesis 1:28

*²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply**, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Same sex marriage is completely against the plan of God for the family.

Where did the practice of same sex marriages come from?

It has been formulated out of the sinful mind of man. Homosexuality is the result of man's rebellion against God and God's lifting of the moral restrains upon mankind. You see we do not fully understand the darkness of sin because God has restrains upon the human race otherwise we would completely destroy ourselves.

The sinful heart of man combined with the evil influence of the Satanic world is a combination which would cause man to self destruct if it were not for the restrains of God.

Let me show you the restrains of God on the Satanic world and on sinful man.

A. The Satanic World

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

*⁶ And now ye know what **withholdeth** that he might be revealed in his time.*

⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

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⁸ And **then** shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

B. Sinful Man

Romans 1:26-27

²⁶ For this cause **God gave them up** unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; **men with men** working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

The lifting of moral restraints is a result of man suppressing the Truth of God. When God is rejected and His Word is suppressed He will lift the moral restraints from a nation and its people. This is exactly what we are seeing today.

2. The place of the woman.

Notice Genesis 2:21-22

Here in this verse we see that Eve was made from a piece of flesh from the SIDE of Adam. The location of where the flesh was taken from is very important for this is what speaks of the woman's place in the life of the man.

The flesh was not taken from his foot showing that he should dominate over her. The flesh was not taken from his head showing that she would rule over him. It was taken from his side, close to his heart, under the protection of his arm for that is where the wife is to be; right by his side, close to his heart, under the protection of his arm.

3. The picture of God's love.

Notice Genesis 2:21-22

The word "blood" is not mentioned here but it is the first time blood was shed on the earth. There had to be blood because a piece of flesh was removed from Adam. There also would have been pain for the surgery which was performed after Adam woke up. So therefore we find here the first bloodshed and the very first pain felt by man and it was all for the purpose of preparing a bride for Adam.

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The picture here is one that is prophetic and it speaks of God's love for all of mankind. Let me explain. There are 4 points in this prophetic picture:

1. **The deep sleep** - This is a picture of the death of Christ on the cross.
2. **The bloodshed** - This is a picture of the blood which Jesus shed upon the cross for the sins of all mankind.
3. **The woman** - She is a picture of the church or the bride of Christ which is only possible through the bloodshed and the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.
4. **The pain** - This is what God the Father and God the Son endured through the death of Jesus so that we could be made the bride of Christ.

The very first bloodshed in the Bible was for the purpose of preparing a bride for Adam which is a picture of the suffering of our Savior so we could be the bride of Jesus Christ.

III. The Sanctity of Marriage (2:22-25)

Notice Genesis 2:22-23

Here is the very first wedding. Eve was walked down the isle and given to Adam by her Heavenly Father. This is where the practice of walking a bride down the isle and giving her away comes from.

In verse 23 we find the wedding vows of Adam.

Notice Genesis 2:24

This verse is so very important because it shows the seriousness of marriage.

When a man and a woman get married they become one flesh in the eyes of God.

Not only do they become one flesh but they also become one family. You see this is blueprint for the family right here. One man, one woman for one lifetime is God's plan for the family.

Mark 10:6-9

⁶ *But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.*

⁷ *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;*

⁸ *And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.*

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⁹ What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Now I want to say something here that needs to be said. God intends marriage to be for a lifetime and when it does not last a lifetime there are consequences which can leave scars that never go away.

Illustration: I have 2 boards which have been glued together. The glue joint represents the bond of marriage. This hammer represents divorce. The marriage has made 1 board out of 2.

Conclusion:

The marriage is a picture of the relationship which the believer has with Jesus Christ. It is an earthly picture of a spiritual Truth. This picture can be distorted in 2 ways.

1. Same sex unions - Christ is the Groom we are the Bride
2. Divorce - Our relationship with Christ is eternal divorce gives the idea it can be terminated.