

Marriage: Love of Another Kind
#1: God, Love and Sexuality

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Key Texts: Genesis 1:1; 26-27,31; 2:24-25

Introduction: Marriage is God's idea! To define marriage culturally or in sociological terms only is to rob ourselves of the spiritual resources needed to make marriage work. We must consider some foundational spiritual truths as resources for understanding ourselves--our humanity.

I. God is the creator and what he created he saw was "very good." We are made in his image. We are imagers of God. This God understanding of ourselves is critical to accepting ourselves. It is not a matter of having a good "self-image" as much as it is having a good "God image."

II. God designed us as sexual beings. Our sexuality is an expression of the creative nature of God. From the opening words in Genesis it is apparent that God delights in his creation and is concerned about his creation. "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Gen. 2:18). Intimacy, not isolation is God's design for man and woman. He is a communicative God!

III. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they were naked and felt no shame (Gen.2:25). After they sinned, they became aware of their nakedness. They hid because they were naked and afraid. Yet, God sought them out yearning to communicate with them. God asks three questions: "Where are you," "Who told you that you were naked?" and "Have you eaten from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?" Their disobedience, not their nakedness was the core issue. God clothed them not as punishment, but protection from their own fear and shame. When we sin, we become aware of our own nakedness before God. We run and hide in shame and fear.

IV. Too many people have a warped view of sexuality. As if, nakedness and sexuality is the sin, rather than disobedience to God. There is no reason to be ashamed or afraid of our sexuality. We are safe in God's economy (husband and wife) to be naked and sexual. The fear and shame comes when we violate Gods design for our nakedness and sexuality.....

V. Sex is a spritual issue, not simply a physical act.

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