

Marriage 101

Matthew 1:18-25

Ephesians 5:21-33



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What Marriage is “Not”

➤ Marriage is “not” for unbelievers.

(The book of Ephesians was written to Christians at Ephesus). (2 Cor 6:14-16).

➤ Marriage is “not” an obligation. (1 Cor 7).

➤ Marriage is “not” a prerequisite to get into heaven. Salvation is. (Jn 14:6).

What Marriage is “Not”

➤ The individual roles in marriage should “not” be interchanged even for good reasons. (“Jesus” (the groom) cannot interchange His role with “the church” and the church (bride) should “not” interchange her role with Jesus). (Eph 5:21-33).

➤ Marriage should “not” occur between same sex. It is a sacred relationship between a man and a woman. (Lev 20:13; Rom 1:26:27; 1 Cor 6:9; Gen 2:21-24).

What Marriage is “Not”

- Marriage is “not” bad. Marriage is good and the quality of the ingredients (male and female) determine the outcome of marriage. (Prov 18:22).
- Marriage is “not” a trial-and-error activity. It is a godly institution governed by specific rules and regulations. (Eph 5:21-33).
- Marriage is “not” about receiving only; it is about giving more than you receive. (Acts 20:35).

What Marriage is “Not”

- The outcome of your marriage is “not” solely dependent on the patterns and history of marriages in your family line. (Jer 31:28-30).
- Marriage is “not” a breeding ground for complacency. (Prov 1:32; Zeph 1:12).

Before Engagement

Matthew 1:18 (MSG)

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An individual must...

- Develop a healthy identity in Christ. (Eph 1).
- Seek to understand God's purpose for you. (Ps 139:16; Mat 25:14-30).
- Become pregnant with God's vision.

Before marriage...

- ☐ Pray and patiently wait for your partner to discover God's vision that you are pregnant with.

While Engaged!

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Attention!!! God's vision in you is a qualifier for marriage.

If the vision conceived is not from the Holy Spirit;

-be afraid...flee!! (1 Thes 5:22).

-the parties involved are neither husband nor wife material.

-do not take them home.

Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord

appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Understanding Individual Roles in Marriage from Matthew 1:18-25

- **18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit.
- **19** And her [promised] husband Joseph, being a just and upright man and not willing to expose her publicly and to shame and disgrace her, decided to repudiate and dismiss (divorce) her quietly and secretly.
- **20** But as he was thinking this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit.
- **21** She will bear a Son, and **you** shall call His name Jesus [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior], for He will save His people from their sins [that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God].
- **22** All this took place that it might be fulfilled which the Lord had spoken through the prophet,
- **23** Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel—which, when translated, means, God with us.
- **24** Then Joseph, being aroused from his sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him: he took [her to his side as] his wife.
- **25** But he had no union with her as her husband until she had borne her firstborn Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Husband

- **Vigilant (vs 18).**
- **Just and upright man (vs 19).**
- **Compassionate (vs 19).**
- **Thoughtful (vs. 20).**
- **Obedient and submissive to God (vs 21-24).**
- **Self- control (vs. 25).**
- **One who helps his wife birth God's vision (vs. 25).**
- **Follows instructions (vs. 21; 25).**

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Wife

- **Submissive to the will of God (vs 18).**
- **Risks everything for God's will. (vs 19).**
- **Come into marriage as a virgin (vs. 23).**
- **Good-natured, not nagging. (vs. 24).**
- **Submissive to the role of her husband (vs. 21; 25).**

Prayer Points

(1) East Wind – Ex 14:21-22; Ex 10:12-16.

- Destroy same sex attractions.
- Put asunder marriages that God did not put together.
- Judge evil altars speaking against marriages.

(2) West Wind – Ex 10:19

- Deliver people from bondages in marriages (abuse, addictions, selfishness, exploitation, manipulation, etc.).

(3) South Wind – Ps 78:26-29.

- Bring prosperity, reconciliation, restoration, happiness, security, etc.
- Strengthen weak marriages.

(4) North Wind – Prov 25:23; Ps 75:6.

- Let existing marriages experience refreshing.
- Let those desiring marriage be exalted in this season.



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