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God's Purpose in Marriage

Genesis, the Foundation

- Why did Jesus reference **Gen. 1:27** and **2:4** when answering the Pharisee's question about marriage?
- **Genesis 1-3** is the Foundation of the rest of the Bible.
- Jesus shows that marriage is not the invention of man. It is not subject to the variable cultures of the world.

The Genesis Account

- God creates mankind as male and female in His image (**Gen. 1:26-27**).
- God unites the man and the woman in a covenant of marriage—the two become one flesh (**2:24**).
- The unity and fellowship in marriage is a means of God's Self-revelation.
 - Who He is
 - How He is

God's Self-revelation in Genesis 1-2

- *Elohim*—plural noun, with singular verbs.

- Plural pronoun (**v. 26**).

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One

Gen. 2:24 ...they [husband and wife] shall become **One** [echad]

- The triad of the days of creation.

Day one, the creation of the *sky*>>**v.3-5** elaborated in **v.14-19**

Day two, the creation of the *sea*>>**v. 6-8** elaborated in **v. 20-23**

Day three, the creation of the *soil*>>**v. 9-13** elaborated in **v. 24-25**

- Only until the Incarnation of the Son is God revealed as a tri-Personal Being.

In the One [**Deut.6:4**] Being of God, there exist three eternal, equal, distinct and Divine Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit [**Matt. 28:19**], each possessing the SAME nature, essence, substance and attributes.

- Their individual, but not unilateral roles:

Eph. 1: 3-6 God the Father wills our salvation

Eph. 1:7-12 God the Son purchases our salvation

Eph. 1:13-14 God the Spirit applies our salvation