

## FAMILY, MARRIAGE, CHILDREN

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### Family

The idea and concept of Family is from God.

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has put His Name on His whole Family in heaven and earth. *Ephesians 3:14,15*. Jesus told us to pray, “Our Father who is in Heaven...” *Luke 11:2*. We belong to the Family of God. *Galatians 4:7*. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are the sons and daughters of the Father, the Lord Almighty. *2Corinthians 6:18*.

God made the man, Adam. *Genesis 2:7*. From the man he made the woman, Eve. *Genesis 2:22*.

God brought the woman to the man and the first human Family started. *Genesis 2:22-25*.

Family is God’s plan for man and woman. *Genesis 2:22-25, Genesis 12:3, Genesis 18:19, Psalm 68:5,6, Ephesians 5:21-6:4, 1Timothy 3:4, Psalm 22:27,NIV*, (all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.)

### Marriage

Marriage is the heart of the family. *Hebrews 13:4, Malachi 2:14, Matthew 19:4-6*.

One husband, and one wife, serving each other. *1Timothy 3:2*. God conducted the first marriage. *Genesis 2:22*.

Marriage is a solemn covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God. *Malachi 2:14, 15,16, Ecclesiastes 4:12, Matthew 19:6*.

God joins them together. *Matthews 19:6, Malachi 2:15*. God makes them one. *Malachi 2: 15, Matthew 19:6*.

God gives His Spirit of Grace to help them to deny self and serve one another in love. *Malachi 2:15*.

Let no-one separate what God has joined together, *Matthew 19:6*.

God hates divorce. *Malachi 2:16, Matthew 19:9, 5:32*.

God says, “Listen to your spirit and do not deal treacherously with the wife of your youth.” *Malachi 2:15*.

### Children

God joins one man and one woman together as husband and wife in marriage because he is looking for godly children *Malachi 2:15*.

Parents bring up your children to know and love and serve God and to have an awesome respect of God. *Psalm 78:1-7, Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:7, Genesis 18:19*.

### Consider what Jesus said to the woman at the well. *John 4:16,17,18*.

After offering her the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, *John 4:10,14*,

Jesus said to her, “Go and call your husband and come here.” *John 4:16*.

The woman said, “I have no husband.” *John 4:17*.

Jesus said, “You have said well, you have no husband.” *John 4:17*.

Jesus said, “You have had five husbands; and he whom you have now is not your husband.” *John 4:18*.

Jesus makes it clear that there is a difference between marriage and choosing to live together.

Sex before marriage is forbidden by God’s Word. *Exodus 22:16,17, Deuteronomy 22:28,29*.

It is illicit or unlawful sex and is sin before God.

Before the woman at the well could receive the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, the issue of her wrong sexual relationship had to be addressed and put right. Illicit or unlawful sex is referred to as “fornication” in the Word of God. *Matthew 5:32, Matthew 19:9, 1Corinthians6:9,13,18, Ephesians 5:3,1 Thessalonians 4:3*.

*Exodus 25:8*, Build me a holy place that I may dwell among you. *1Thessalonians 4:3*. God can not dwell in an unclean place. He is “Holy, Holy, Holy”. *Isaiah 6:3*.