

# A Marriage Made in Heaven! "That's a marriage made in heaven." Fact: Marriage as God designed it is made in heaven. Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:6. Facts: God made the first husband. God made the first wife. God joined them. Matthew 19:6; Hebrews 13:4

## From the verses cited it is evident:

- That marriage is <u>of divine origin</u>; not a human invention (thus must be regulated by divine law).
- It predates:
  - The church.
  - The government.
  - Any institution later invented by man.

#### The first marriage was one of a kind!

- Neither party had any in-laws to advise them.
- If Eve ran into trouble, she could not run home to momma.
- Adam could not complain, saying, "you don't cook like momma did."
- Eve could not say to Adam, "You are not the only man I could have married."

#### A closer look at the first marriage:

- It began with the lonely man, Genesis 2:18.
- The provided partner, Genesis 2:21-24.
  - Divinely fashioned.
  - Divinely presented.
  - Divinely directed, verse 24; cf. Matthew 19:3-5.
    - "One flesh" denotes the complete identifying of one personality and the other in a community of interests and pursuits, a union consummated by cohabitation.
    - · Denotes the complete faithfulness they owe each other.

#### The Wedded Pair:

- Married by God, Genesis 2:22; Matthew 19:6.
- United in love.
- <u>Clothed in innocence</u>.
- Housed in Paradise.
  - Their was a relationship which pre-figured the church, Ephesians 5:31-32.

#### Christ and the Church (Another Marriage Made in Heaven)

- <u>The church is the bride of Christ</u>, 2 Corinthians 11:2; Romans 7:4; Ephesians 5:22-25.
  - Jesus has but one bride! Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4.
- There is loving leadership, Ephesians 5:25.
  - Christ does not relinquish His leadership role to the church!
  - Adam did not assume his leadership role. I Timothy 2:11-14; Genesis 3:6. "The saddest chapter."
  - No relationship more adversely affected by sin than that of a husband and a wife!

# **Christ and the Church:**

- <u>There must be willing submission</u>, Ephesians 5:24; Colossians 3:17; Revelation 22:18-19.
- There must be diligent service. Romans 6:4; 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 15:58.
- <u>There is delightful fellowship</u>.
  - With God, I Corinthians 1:9; 10:16; I John 1:3.
  - With each other, I John 1:3; Philippians 1:5; 4:14-16.
- There is a heavenly reward. Matthew 5:12; I Peter 1:4; Philippians 3:20-21.

## **Conclusion:**

- <u>A Scriptural, happy marriage</u>, where all parties lovingly function as God ordained, can be the happiest relationship this side of heaven. Every person who contemplates marriage should make up his or her mind to make theirs "<u>a marriage made in heaven</u>."
- Biblically speaking, as it relates to accountable people, <u>no unmarried person can go to heaven</u>. One must be married to Christ; he or she must be a part of His bride, the church.