

Eden Concepts: Committed Marriages

"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled ..." Hebrews 13:4 (English Standard Version)

Viewing marriage as _____ is a concept as old as humans.

Genesis 2 - The Eden Concept Of Committed Marriages

A. Genesis 2 - The incomplete creation completed:

1. 2:18 - God saw that it was "_____" that the man should be _____. He would make a _____ who was _____ for him (_____ what he lacks).
2. 2:21,22 - God created the _____ and brought her to the _____, pointing to God's ideal: marriage that is both _____ and _____.
3. 2:23,24 - A man shall _____ his _____ and _____ and _____ fast to his wife.
4. Deuteronomy 10:20 - _____ was commanded to "_____ fast" to _____.

B. _____ things happened when Israel failed to _____ fast to God. Will we be at no _____ if we do the same to our _____ with God?

The Committed Nature Of Marriage As A Timeless Ideal

A. Have we outgrown this Eden concept?

1. Matthew 19 - Jesus speaks on marriage:
 - a. 19:3 - Is it _____ to _____ one's wife for _____ reason?
 - b. 19:4-6 - Jesus answered by pointing to _____. A man must hold _____ to his wife.
 - c. 19:7-9 - God didn't _____ them to _____, but _____ it because of their _____.
 - d. 19:14 - Do Jesus' words still _____? *Do these?*
2. Ephesians 5:22-33 - Paul also pointed to _____ in stressing that marriage should be a _____.
3. Ephesians 5:1,2 - The key: "_____ in _____", as Christ did.
4. Malachi 2:14-16 - They disregarded their _____ to their wives, so God didn't _____ their sacrifices.

B. Genesis 29:18-20 - Jacob's _____ for Rachel was strong!

Hebrews 13:4 - Do we hold our marriages in _____?

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