

# Morning Worship

May 1, 2016

## Hymn # 379 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Tim/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Chorus # 213                    "We Will Glorify"                    Tim/People

Hymn # 2                    "Holy, Holy, Holy"                    Tim/People

## Offering Prayer Bill Schottel

Hymn # 54      "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"      Tim/People

## Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

## Scripture Reading Allan/People

Hymn # 281      "Speak to My Heart"      Tim/People

## Prayer Concerns

Chorus of # 206     "Blessed Be the Name"     Tim/People

# The Perfect Marriage

Genesis 2:13-18

Most of us would agree there has been a gradual breakdown in our society of morality and personal responsibility. I believe the downfall of the family is to blame. The next few weeks we will be talking about God's plan for the family and several aspects of how to revive our society. We begin where God's vision of the ideal family begins – with marriage. Here are four principles God lays down for the perfect marriage.

## **1) Severance .**

First of all, there must be a severance - "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother..." There must be a leaving of the father and the mother. There must be a leaving of the old home - the old family ties - the old securities - the old protection - the old financial dependence upon mother and father - and the beginning of a new home.

Of course, that doesn't mean to ignore mom and dad - never call them up - never go home for a meal again.

In fact, it has been my observation that after marriage home often becomes more sacred than it was before - that the ties between parent and child are even more precious than they were before - but in a different way.

But there needs to be a severing that takes place.

### **a) Applies to Parents .**

I honestly believe that these words were given, not just for the benefit of the bride and groom, but probably more for the mother and father of the bride and groom. I am convinced that it is often a lot more difficult for the parents to sever the ties than it is for the bride and groom.

In most wedding services the father of the bride is asked, "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" And he answers, "Her mother and I do."

However, I wonder if the parents of both the bride and the groom should be asked, "Do you give your daughter to be married to this man?" and "Do you give your son to be married to this woman?"

There needs to be a commitment by both sets of parents because they, too, must sever the ties. They must each realize that their child is leaving the nest - and they must prepare themselves to let go.

### **b) Applies to the bride and groom .**

And, of course, it applies to the bride and groom. Many marital problems come when one or both are unable to sever their ties with mom and dad. They still depend upon them emotionally, psychologically, and maybe even financially, and it creates a very insecure feeling within the marriage bond itself. There must be a severing of that tie.

Do you remember the old American Folk Song, "Billy Boy, Billy Boy?" There is an interesting line in that song - it says "She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother." Do you remember that? How old do you think she is? When you sang that song how old did you picture that girl? 16? Maybe 17?

But when you learn all the words to that song an interesting fact emerges. Here is how the song goes: "How old is she Billy boy, Billy boy? How old is she, charming Billy? Three times six and four times seven. Twenty-eight and eleven. She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother."

Now, I may not be real keen on math – but when you multiplied and added all that up - and if my math is right, that "girl" was 85 years old. "A young thing and cannot

leave her mother" she was not. It makes you wonder how old her mother must have been, doesn't it?

Still, she was not old enough to sever the ties and to marry poor old Billy. As far as the song goes, Billy ended up with no wife because "She was a young thing and could not leave her mother."

A lot of problems in marriage arise simply because severance didn't take place. Yet God says a severance must take place.

## **2) Permanence**

Secondly, there must be permanence. Look at the words "...and be united to his wife." Or, as the King James Version puts it, "...and shall cleave unto his wife."

### **a) To cleave**

The word "cleave" is an interesting word. It means to "glue one thing to another to form a permanent bond." It was used by Moses about disease clinging to the body. It was used by Job to describe flesh clinging to the bones. It means a permanent bond has taken place.

Most couples getting married say the words "Until death do us part" as part of the wedding ceremony, but I wonder if they really contemplate what they have just said and what they have just promised one to the other.

They have said "As long as I live - as long as my heart beats - I will be your husband or your wife." That becomes not only a pledge to each other - it becomes a pledge to Almighty God in heaven.

### **b) To commit**

Some people getting married think, "I will be your husband or wife as long as we have mutual interests - or as long as other things don't interfere - or as long as we get along with one another." But when problems arise much of the world says that the thing to do is to pack your bags and go your separate directions.

Back on a cold January afternoon, a number of years ago, I made that promise to my wife and her to me. While neither of us realized all that commitment would entail in the years to come, to the best of our understanding we meant what we said.

It hasn't always been easy. We are individuals. There have been times when it might have been the easiest thing just to pack my bags and never come back - and she probably would have gladly helped me pack.

But many years ago we promised each other that through the good times and the bad times - through sickness and health - through riches and poverty - no matter what happens - we will be husband and wife until death does the parting.

There must be permanence. We made that commitment and it is no longer just ours - it is God's. It belongs to Him and we belong to Him. We made it not just to each other - we made it to God. A psychologist in San Francisco said, "There are two things which should never be started prematurely. One is divorce, and the other is embalming." I agree on both counts. Neither one should be started prematurely. There ought to be a permanence of the bond that exists there.

## **3) Unity**

Thirdly, there is the word "Unity." "...and they will become one flesh..."

### **a) Not achieved instantly**

Two people becoming one are not something that instantly happens when the minister says "I pronounce you husband and wife" and the bride and groom kiss each other. It begins then, but unity isn't instantly achieved by anyone.

It begins on the wedding day and the process continues as they live together - as they learn how to disagree - and how to argue - and how to pray - and how to love

each other. Unity forms and deepens as they share the events of life - both good and bad - with each other. It doesn't happen instantly.

**b) Not intended uniformity .**

Do not think for a moment that unity and uniformity are the same things. When God presented Eve to Adam, He didn't expect Eve to become a female Adam. He expected Eve to be Eve and Adam to be Adam. They are different psychologically and physically. They are different and God never expected them to become exactly like one another.

Uniformity is achieved in the donut factory where they make one donut after another - and the hole is always in the same place. It is achieved on the assembly lines where they produce one car just like another.

But uniformity is not achieved in marriage and God never intended it to be that way. God doesn't expect two people to become exactly like each other. They are individuals.

Peter Marshall said, "Marriage is the federation of two sovereign states." The bringing together of two sovereign states to form a unity spiritually - a unity physically - a unity socially - a unity materially - as they share together the blessings that God gives to them. That special unity begins on the wedding day and it grows as they share all of life together.

**4) Intimacy .**

**a) Being naked .**

The last word is "intimacy." Vs. 25 says, "The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

We may not really understand what is being said here. In our day whenever we hear the word "**naked**" we think of pornography - we think immoral things. But the word "naked" here simply means "one is laid bare - there are no secrets - all the warts and blemishes are revealed and everything is laid bare."

Then notice that it says, "...and they felt no shame." It means that they were not embarrassed - because there was a perfect relationship between Adam and Eve.

It is interesting to note in chapter 3 that when sin came into the Garden that they quickly covered their nakedness. And when God asked them why they covered themselves they said "because we were afraid and we are ashamed."

**b) Being legitimate .**

Most of us have a basic need for that kind of intimacy with another human being. When we seem to be unsuccessful in finding it within the bond of marriage, we search for cheap substitutes. Satan is more than ready to offer as many as you want.

I believe this is the reason why pornography is such a huge business today - because people are searching for substitute intimacy.

Perhaps that is why there are so many illicit affairs, that is, intimacy without the responsibilities of marriage. It is a cheap substitute, but it doesn't work. Somehow, all of the substitutes that Satan offers only end up leaving us twisted morally and emotionally. We look at our world and it is crippled because the whole world is searching for the very thing we have in verse 25 - and it has not been able to find it because substitutes never satisfy.

God says that two people can become one and there can be a permanent relationship that exists between them and they can find that intimacy that only can be found as husband and wife become one in God through Christ Jesus.

**Conclusion**

I hope that you have been able to see throughout this that what is required for a **successful marriage** is also required for a **successful relationship with Jesus Christ**. There must first of all be a **severance** - a turning away from the sins of the world and the worldly life-style.

Secondly, there must be a **permanent relationship** with God as we accept His Son as our Savior and His Holy Spirit comes to live with us and comfort us.

Thirdly, a **unity** must develop between ourselves and the God who created us as we come to love and serve Him more.

Finally, there will be a closeness - an **intimacy** between ourselves and our Creator as we walk with Him all of the days of our life and into all eternity.

### ***Strive for Success!***

## ***Reviving the Family***

There are those who say the family unit in our society is in danger of extinction. Some say it is still intact, but must *evolve* to become more functional in our modern society. Yet others believe it is just another ancient concept that has lost its relevancy. For us as Christians it represents one more battleground on which to stand firm if we want to see God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

We within the membership of a local church know the value of family. The Bible teaches that the institution of family is of divine origin and purpose. It also provides guidelines for good relations within the family. A commitment to the divine principles provides today's best hope for the recovery of family life. Marriage is a divine institution, ordained and regulated by God's word. It is found in every human culture. God formed humanity as male and female with the intent that a man leave his father and mother to cling and commit to a permanent union with one woman (Genesis 2:24).

Marriage is the first institution established and elevated to the most intimate of relationships by God and the only one founded before the fall of man. Many people throughout the ages have questioned, rebelled against or attempted to change the pattern of this ideal covenant forged by God. Rooted in a divine origin, marriage is an institution that is not subject to the human school of thoughts, electoral process, political correctness or even the cultural trends that influence the tide of traditional or liberal thinking today. We can either listen to the world's opinion or the Lord's Word. Those are the only two choices. Either we go with the flow of what's happening in our society, and give in to the whole system or we hold up the Word of God and say "This is what God requires. And as for me and my house, we will hear the Word of the Lord."

In Matthew's gospel, we have the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ on the subject of marriage. When some people confronted Jesus about grounds for divorce, His response affirmed God's original and perfect blueprint for marriage—the Creation ideal. Pay attention to Matthew 19:1-6. In His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:31-32) the Lord answered the question on divorce and the sanctity of marriage not on the basis of rabbinic custom and their debate but rather from the account of creation and God's original design. Jesus in effect said, "Haven't you ever read the book of Genesis?" The Lord answered them by directing the Pharisees to God's original intention in marriage.

Erma Bombeck said, "The family. We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life sharing diseases and toothpaste, coveting one another's desserts, hiding shampoo, borrowing money, locking each other out of our rooms, inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant, loving, laughing, defending, and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together."

Over the next few weeks we will look at God's plan for the family and how we can work to revive it in our society.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan

## Opportunities For Service

## **Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: Larry McKahan, Isaac Waters,  
Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

## Mission Trip Meeting....3:30 pm

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 4**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm  
Prayer / Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm  
Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 5

**G Team.....6:30 pm**

Sunday, May 8, 2016

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice,  
Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 11

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Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am  
Youth Study..... 6:30 pm  
Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm  
Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 12

R Team.....6:30 pm

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**May 1 — Mission Trip Meeting, Calvary, 3:30 pm**

**May 2 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm**

**May 5 — SJBA Senior Adult Event**

**May 8 — Mother's Day**

**May 11 — Prayer Warriors**

**May 15 — Business Meeting and Luncheon at Noon**

**— Food Pantry Collection Day**

**May 22 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**May 23 — Sunday School Workers Meeting 6:30 pm**

**May 30 — Memorial Day**

**June 8 —12 Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. Plan to attend!

**Wednesday Night Prayer  
and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

**Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting**  
**May 15 at Noon**

Please plan to attend and fellowship with us as we conduct the business of the church.

***In Sympathy***

We offer Christian Sympathy to the family of Susan Patten (Pastor Allan's sister), who passed away Friday, April 22, 2016.

***Funeral Dinner List  
Update***

We are needing an updated list of those who can help by preparing food for any funeral dinners that we host here at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

***Thank You  
To Our Church Family,***

—Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer. The Dinner was great and we appreciate the hard work of the ladies.

*Arlette and The family of  
Lester A. Buck*

—Thank you All for providing the beautiful funeral service. Thank you to all the church members for your prayers and kindness shown to our family these many years.

*God Bless You All,*

*The Family of Nell Morris*

—Thank you for your recent donation to our food pantry. We appreciate your faithful giving.

*God Bless You,*

*Margaret Wall,*

*Patee Park Baptist Food Pantry*

#### New Address:

Linda Dotson

4426 West Haverill Drive Saint Joseph, Missouri 64506

816-676-1976 or 387-6103

MOTHER'S DAY IS...  
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8

### For the Record-

#### Attendance: April 24, 2016

Sunday School.....	42
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	43
Contacts Made.....	1
Morning Worship.....	52
Children's Worship.....	5
Sunday Night .....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	?

#### Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 2,752.16

#### Offering Received by Mail:

Eric and Shelly Thompson

#### May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

**May Van Driver:**

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

**May Member Birthdays:**

03... Vicki Long  
09... Jaylen Garber  
11... Hannah Schottel  
12... Rev. A. B. Brown  
17... Arlette Duty  
20... Pam Eldredge  
20... Erin Molloy  
20... Mike Green  
26... Isaac Waters

**May Anniversaries**

**Russ and Nancy McCamy**

May 22, 1982

**Tim and Joyce Izer**

May 24, 1975

***Prayer Requests ...***

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

The Family of Susan Patten

The Family of Lester Buck

Joyce and Tim Izer—pray for healing

Dorothy Post—healing

Pat Puckett—strength

Mike Green—recovery

David Schottel—recovery

Ken Nice—surgery recovery

Alicia McKinnon—healing

LoLeta Middleton—eye infection

Maxine and George Ferbert

Betty Anslinger—surgery recovery

Sue Higgins—regain strength

Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew

Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters

Grant Schottel—advanced training

Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister

Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health

Bob Barquist Kathryn Beavers

Louanne Laurence Keon McKahan

Allen Jennings Ann Riddle

Jim Winans Jozy Winans

Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds

Kevin Duty                    Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink            Bobby Griswold  
Bill Haskins                Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess             Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts              Roscoe Lane  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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