

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week when the clock struck 7:45 P.M. we were about to begin a study of Joh 8:1-11.
2. Before we begin new material in John chapter eight, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two. If you want to hear the audio of this lesson please go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click on *streaming audio of services*.
4. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 8:1-11.

Joh 8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

Joh 8:2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

Joh 8:3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group.

Joh 8:4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

Joh 8:5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

Joh 8:6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

Joh 8:7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Joh 8:8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

Joh 8:9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

Joh 8:10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

Joh 8:11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin.

5. I think the best way to study this series of verses is to review the *Doctrine of Marriage and More*.

Doctrine of Marriage and More

1. Interestingly, marriage is used as a metaphor to express Christ's relationship to the Church. Christ is said to be the Bridegroom and the Church the bride. (Eph 5:24-32; Rev 19:7-9)

1.1 Both the individual believer and the church at large are always looked upon in the sense of being the bride--the responder in relation to Christ.

2Co 11:2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

2. Before we develop marriage as a category, let's review the *Doctrine of Right Man/Right Woman*.

Doctrine of Right Man/Right Woman

1. The term Right Man/Right Woman (RM/RW) refers to two souls prepared in eternity past uniquely designed to come together in time as husband and wife.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him ...

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took (**LAQACH**-to seize with force) one of his ribs (**TSELEM**-a structural beam), and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1.1 From Gen 1:27 compared with Gen 2:24, we can safely conclude that the souls of the RM/RW were created in eternity past concurrently. Though created in eternity past they are to become one in time. Perfect souls housed in perfect bodies designed one for another.

2. It is God's desire that the RM/RW come together in marriage. There are those who have married someone other than their RM/RW. When this occurs, God's protocol demands you take in the Word and enjoy the mistake.

3. If you are married, as far as the Scripture is concerned, you have your spouse. Your job is to acquire the skills to enjoy him or her. Even if you think you have missed the boat, the Bible tells you to row a little faster, you can still reach the port of "conjugal bliss."

4. The Scripture has so much to say concerning the RM/RW; we must therefore consider it a most important gift. One such example from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus:

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Eph 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Eph 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph 5:29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church --

Eph 5:30 for we are members of his body.

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Eph 5:32 This is a profound mystery -- but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Eph 5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

5. God has blessed planet earth with Woman. God created the first woman as a perfect completer of the first man. Man had a need for the woman even in perfection. God built her soul and body to perfectly fulfill his needs. Man is incomplete without his Right Woman.

Gen 2:19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Gen 2:20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. *But for Adam no suitable helper was found.*

5.1 God provided an essential helper for man in order to complete him, be he unbeliever or believer. Even the unbeliever can enjoy the RM/RW relationship.

Ecc 9:9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun--all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

Ecc 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Ecc 9:11 I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

Ecc 9:12 Moreover, no man knows when his hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so men are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

5.2 As a result of the fall, the woman received three curses.

- One such curse was the desire to love and obey the husband. Men must recognize this curse; it can be either a wonderful blessing to man or a terrible curse. Unfortunately, young men are often so insecure they squelch this God given desire.

- A careful review of the Hebrew according to R.B. Thieme, late pastor of Berachah Bible Church in Houston, indicates the Right Woman will often attempt to usurp man's authority.
- The physical curse is well known and needs little explanation.

Gen 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

6. The pattern of RM/RW was established in Gen 2:21-23.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs (*a supporting timber used to support a building*), and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib (*in this case a support for man*), which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

7. The soul and body of the RM/RW were made compatible and designed for proper functioning in time but only after proper transformation from doctrine resident in the soul.

Rom 12:2 Be you not conformed to this world but be you transformed by the renewing of the mind in order that you might know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God in Christ Jesus.

7.1 Their souls are compatible and complement one another in their likes and dislikes, affinities, differences etc. Only doctrine cycled by the RM/RW will bring these propensities into harmony.

7.2 Sex with someone other than the RM/RW is less than the best and an abomination to God.

Pro 6:32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

1Co 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

8. A man must look upon the wife as the weaker vessel much like a daughter given to him for his protection but always recognizing she has volition. Pat Boone was quoted as saying “I always carry a picture of my wife as a cute little girl.” Such a device seemingly provides a nice reminder of the Right Man’s responsibility to nurture and protect.

1Pe 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

9. This is a formidable task so the RM/RW must know a great deal about one another. Things the RM/RW should know:

9.1 To find a Right Woman is a precious gift from the Lord.

Pro 18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

9.2 To find your RM/RW you must be in the Word growing spiritually.

9.3 The Right Woman is the glory of the Right Man. The woman is under the authority of the man and her hair should always be longer than the man; it is a sign of her recognition of the divinely established organization chart.

1Co 11:7 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

1Co 11:8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man;

1Co 11:9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

1Co 11:10 For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

10. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

10.1 For the husband to love like Christ loved the Church and for the woman to be obedient even as was Sarah to Abraham calling him Lord is unique and yes impossible apart from a major transformation of the mind.

10.2 Notice how Peter describes this complex relationship.

1Pe 3:1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

1Pe 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.

1Pe 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1Pe 3:5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,

10.3 As the believer responds to doctrine so also should the Right Woman respond to the Right Man and the Right Man must love his wife even as he loves and takes care of himself.

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Eph 5:32 This is a profound mystery -- but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Eph 5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

10.4 The Right Woman must know her natural proclivity to be deceived.

1Ti 2:11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

1Ti 2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

10.4.1 The male likewise must be the wise protector of the weaker vessel even when she is hell bent for destruction and that takes maturity and skill on the part of man. The skill can only come from metabolized doctrine.

Gen 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

Gen 3:3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

10.4.2 As Eve in the garden should have called Adam when the snake began to speak, the Right Woman must not eschew the protection of her father and later her husband.

10.5 Both the man and the woman in deciding to become man and wife are making significant lifetime decisions with great potential both for blessing and discipline.

11. The greatest attacks on RM/RW are:

- man's rejection of doctrine and his failure to look beyond outward appearance,
- the failure of the Right Woman to take in the Word and wait for her knight in shining armor,
- woman's failure to submit after she has found her Right Man,
- the man reacting to his Right Woman,
- the woman in error, thinking she can change the Right Man,
- and man's refusal to converse with the RW. Most women are stimulated by conversation and most men do not know this.

12. Reversionary attacks against RM/RW often take the form of:

12.1 promiscuity

Pro 5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight,

Pro 5:2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

Pro 5:4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.

Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Pro 5:6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

Pro 5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.

Pro 5:8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,

Pro 5:9 lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel,

Pro 5:10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

Pro 5:11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

Pro 5:12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction!

Pro 5:13 I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors.

Pro 5:14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

Pro 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Pro 5:16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares?

Pro 5:17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.

Pro 5:18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Pro 5:19 A loving doe, a graceful deer-- may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

Pro 5:20 Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?

Pro 5:21 For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths.

Pro 5:22 The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

Pro 5:23 He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

12.2 rebellion against God's organization chart

1Co 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1Co 11:4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head.

1Co 11:5 And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head -- it is just as though her head were shaved.

1Co 11:6 If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head.

1Co 11:7 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

1Co 11:8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man;

1Co 11:9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

1Co 11:10 For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

1Co 11:11 In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

1Co 11:12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

1Co 11:13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

1Co 11:14 Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him,

1Co 11:15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.

12.3 Wide spread reversionism in a nation will result in the fifth cycle of discipline and the destruction of the four divine institutions (volition, marriage, family, nationalism).

Jer 12:7 "I will forsake my house, abandon my inheritance; I will give the one I love into the hands of her enemies.

Jer 15:8 I will make their widows more numerous than the sand of the sea. At midday I will bring a destroyer against the mothers of their young men; suddenly I will bring down on them anguish and terror.

Jer 16:2 "You must not marry and have sons or daughters in this place."

Jer 16:3 For this is what the LORD says about the sons and daughters born in this land and about the women who are their mothers and the men who are their fathers:

Jer 16:4 "They will die of deadly diseases. They will not be mourned or buried but will be like refuse lying on the ground. They will perish by sword and famine, and their dead bodies will become food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth."

13. The Mosaic Law called for capital punishment for 14 crimes and 5 of the fourteen were designed to protect the RM/RW relationship.

- Homosexuality

Lev 20:13 "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

- Bestiality

Exo 22:19 "Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal must be put to death.

- Adultery

Lev 20:10 "If a man commits adultery with another man's wife -- with the wife of his neighbor -- both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

- Unchaste Status

Deu 22:20 If, however, the charge is true and no proof of the girl's virginity can be found,

Deu 22:21 she shall be brought to the door of her father's house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. She has done a disgraceful thing in Israel by being promiscuous while still in her father's house. You must purge the evil from among you.

- Rape

Deu 22:25 But if out in the country a man happens to meet a girl pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die.

14. Everyone has a RM/RW unless they possess the gift of celibacy.

15. It is God's desire that Christians take in the Word until their Right Man or Right Woman comes along and then they are to stay together forever; hopefully they will remain happy as two peas in a pod. Happiness in marriage does not, however automatically happen. Making a good marriage is hard work.

16. A young lady offered a comparison that seems appropriate to the "work" required for a good marriage. I shall paraphrase her suggestion, "Marriage is comparable to a savings account. The thought and care invested in marriage earns valuable 'interest,' a life of gaining a treasured friend and companion. No investment—no return." The young lady then said "you can use that idea in one of your "sermons." And so, I have done.

17. Now that we have been reminded of our *Doctrine of Right Man/Right Woman*, we are ready to continue our study of marriage.

Doctrine of Marriage (continued)

1. In Psalm 45 Christ is Himself foreseen in all His majesty and beauty along with His queenly Bride the Church to represent the purity which God desires of His children.

2. The Bride is greatly to be desired because of her beauty (v. 11) both outwardly and inwardly.

Psa 45:10 Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear: Forget your people and your father's house.

Psa 45:11 The king is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord.

2.1 Her raiment is fine and beautiful down to the smallest detail.

Psa 45:13 All glorious is the princess within her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold.

Psa 45:14 In embroidered garments she is led to the king; ...

3. Monogamy

3.1 While polygamy was practiced for some time in the Old Testament, it was only permitted as a temporary measure.

3.2 It denied the principle of husband and wife being one flesh and led to many marital problems.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

3.3 Only in monogamy is it possible to escape family jealousies and to correctly illustrate the relationship of Christ to the believer (Eph 5:23 ff.).

End Lesson

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