

LET'S GET
MARRIED
AND STAY
MARRIED

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to every man or woman who is yet to be married and to all married couples.

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*Whoever findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor from the
LORD.*

Proverbs 18:22 (Webster)

Introduction

I have come across too many marriages in crisis; looking into the cause of the crisis, I found out that couples do not know or understand the basics of marriage. The knowledge of the basics of marriage helps right before a man and woman gets married and keeps them married for the rest of their life. Regardless of the complexity or intensity of the crisis that a marriage encounters, a well based marriage will remain and even get refreshed after every challenge.

This book brings out the indispensability of marriage to human existence; without marriage life ends. The nature and attributes of a marriage based (founded) on God; we see the reasons why God initiated marriage and how He constituted marriage from the beginning of humanity.

We discovered that marriage is not a one-time event, but a continuum for life. We found the basic rules, based on the word of God, which keeps a family united and happy.

There is no marriage that is a mistake. There is no wrong man or woman to marry; it's only the presence or absence of the fear of God that makes a man or woman right or wrong for marriage. Even though you thought you married a wrong person because he or she fears not God, worry not, as long as you are married God will make him or her right. Patiently go through this book and you will know and understand how God makes and keeps marriages. Your home will be a paradise that you will need no other.

To the young man or woman who is scared of getting married, it's time. It is time to be complete, to have or be a helper, to have a companion for life that you will enjoy his or her company. It's going to be okay, you will be happy.

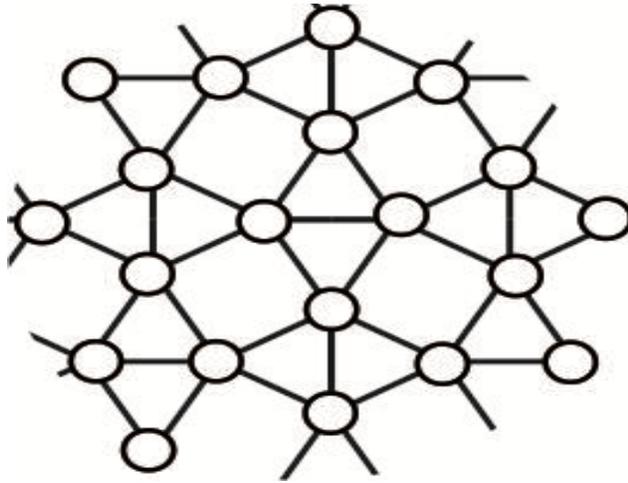
Chapter one

Life

Life is an unending series of family circles, be it plants or animals, we all come from families and we will all basically raise families. Though there are exceptions to this rule, such as eunuchs, pre-mature deaths and those that decide not to raise families, all these are in the minority; in actual fact their number is negligible.

We could also view life as starting from a node which produces a line that ends in another node that produces its own line(s) and each node continues the process indefinitely. Each node represents a union and every line represents off-springs. To get a node two or more lines must meet and stay together to produce another line(s). The number of lines that come together to form a node, tells of the type of union. The formation of the first original node is inexplicable, that is where God is, and also the end of the series is unknown, that is where God is again. That is why God is the Alpha and Omega. He alone knows to what end all this family interconnection will lead to. However I believe he is not living it to chance, He has a desired end which must be achieved. So we have something like the structure below.

Unions & offsprings inter-relation



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Off-spring..... —

Union..... O

Chapter two

The First Union

The node in the illustration above is the union, it represents marriage. These unions could be formed from the coming together of two or more off-springs from other unions.

The first union was more of a dimension, God Himself, put His life into molded clay, so to speak;

Gen 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Webster)

That was the beginning of the human life. This is why life has no ending because life started with God, only God knows the end, if any. He is the beginning and the ending, life only changes form in the spiritual and physical but continues indefinitely.

God's breath of life in clay gave a perfect man, a living being called Adam. Adam was a perfect man, with all the attributes of God, from any perspective you would want to look at it, physically, spiritually, belief system, name it.

Gen 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Webster)

Adam was God in human flesh, just like the burning bush; God in flame of fire.

Ex 3:4-6

And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Approach not hither: put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place on which thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God. (Webster)

like Jesus Christ; God in human flesh.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Webster)

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(Webster)

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I wonder how long Adam lived alone as the only human being, but just as God has heavenly beings who He communes with;

Gen 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ... (Webster)

Intuitively, Adam needed companionship. God, knowing that Adam was complete and perfect, decided there was no need to add to humanity. He made another living being, Eve, from the complete and perfect Adam, keeping humanity complete and perfect;

Gen 2:18

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him a help meet for him. (Webster)

Gen 2:21-23

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, he made woman, and brought her to the man. 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. (Webster)

Gen 3:20

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. (Webster)

Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship, it was based on God. It was God relating with Himself. Everything about them was God. Thoughts, decisions, actions, inactions, dos and don'ts, were all the same: Just too perfect for today's human comprehension. This perfect relationship was described thus;

Gen 2:25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

(Webster)

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The aspect of God Adam and Eve did not express was the response to evil, because there was no evil to respond to. They had no knowledge of good or evil, all things were good.

Gen 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest of it thou shalt surely die. (Webster)

There was nothing like hate, idolatry and witchcraft, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissension, envy and other evil acts, nothing to tempt the flesh. They enjoyed love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It was a perfect manifestation of God in human relationship. These are the characteristics all marriages should have, we may not have attained it but we should aspire to attain that perfection. It was to continue in this way for eternity but an aspect which Adam and Eve never envisaged was to be unveiled; dealing with evil. God allowed this perfect marriage to be tested. He also provided a way of escape and a redemption plan after the fall, so as to get them back to that perfect relationship.

1 Cor 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able; but

will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (Webster)

Nothing is truly as strong as claimed until it is tested, like in the case of Job; (Job 1:1-22).

Job was a man from Uz. He was a man that feared God; hence he lived an upright and blameless life. He was wealthy and blessed with sons and daughters. On a day when angels came to present themselves before God, Satan also came along. God boasted about Job's uprightness, being blameless and fear for Him (God). Then, Satan pointed out that, it was because God prospered him, blessed his household and kept everything that belong to him (Job) secured, that was why Job was upright and feared Him (God). So, Satan asked for permission to test Job and God allowed him. From there Satan went to test Job but Job did not fall. Job stood firm in God and did not sway with the challenges.

Similarly, God allowed the serpent to test Eve;

Gen 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made: and he said to the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know, that in the day ye eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened: and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of its fruit, and

ate, and gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked: and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made for themselves aprons. (Webster)

All Eve had to do to escape the temptation was to stand on the word of God she quoted (Gen 3:2-3). Not wavering, just stand on the word of God and the trial would have passed. The serpent would have left in shame

God had a redemption plan to return humanity to the original perfect relationship should Eve fall. If Adam and Eve had asked for mercy, God is all merciful but they did not. Thus, they have to go through the redemption process that got to the point where the Son of God, Jesus Christ, came down to earth to die for our sins and return us to that perfect relationship we had with God.

The bible did not tell us how much and how long the serpent maintained communications with Eve, I believe he started sometime before she ate the fruit and continued after she left the Garden of Eden. Much deception must have been put in her; to the point that she did not find other fruits as good for food or pleasing to the eyes but the forbidden fruit. She saw Gods ways as foolishness and desired other seemingly wiser and better ways. Everything that goes into a marriage has an effect on the union. Eves' disobedience was just the beginning of the effect. Once sin comes into a union by one member, it becomes easy for any other members to be swayed along. Adam did not resist because it was given to him by his wife (Gen 3:6-7). I believe Satan had that in his plan. Every external influence on a marriage needs a member of the union to affect the marriage. Their way of life changed. They became ashamed of their nakedness, thus keeping parts of their body away from one another. They could not relate with God. The effect did not end there; it went

down to their off-springs. Adam and Eve passed the evil planted in their union to their off-springs down to us;

Gen 4:1-9

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect to Abel, and to his offering: But to Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said to Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And to thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said to Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?(Webster).

It's no surprise Cain acted the way he did, he had been brought up by a mother who had direct communications with Satan and a father that was condoning it. So the effect continued unto generations, up to this day.

God wants man to return to that good and perfect relationship, thus, redemption was brought to man, first by the law then by grace through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

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