

Preparation For Godly Marriage

Part 1

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. 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.²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” (Genesis 2:8,9-25)

Marriage preparation in general and the proper age for marriage varies from place to place, from time to time, and from culture to culture but God’s word it teaches that God had put principle and outline what to follow in this matter in His word. The word of God will give us the light into this matter, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119”105) And will show us the steps that need to be achieved before marriage.

1- A proper set up for living: “Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.” (Genesis 2:8) God had arranged a proper place with good facilities for the man to live and

enjoy life in God’s presence with His family. *The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.* Therefore all things were available and the place is well equipped for good life. God took the man and placed him in that proper place of living.

2- A proper Income: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” (Genesis 2:15) God had taken the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and care for it, and that was the job that God had arranged for Adam. There must be a proper source of income to sustain the family after marriage.

3- A proper resource to sustain the proper place: “¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.” (Genesis 2:10-14) As God put the four rivers to sustain the garden, there must be clear resources to sustain the proper place that marriage and family life would take place.

4- A Proper understanding of who God is and what His word teaches: “And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” (Genesis 2:16-17) God purpose is to have Godly offspring, “Has not the Lord, made them one? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because He was seeking Godly offspring.” (Malachi 2:15a) Therefore the man and the woman should have clear understanding about God’s word and they should know very well what God is asking from them to be and to do according to His word; therefore in such a way they are fit to raise up godly children. Man and women they need to be mature spiritually so they can raise up Godly children.

5- A Proper thought for marriage to be fulfilled in God’s time: The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (Genesis 2:18) God said it but He did not do it at once because there are more things need to be prepared.

6- A proper responsibility and authority for the man: “Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. 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. ²⁰ *So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.” (Genesis 2:19-20)* The man here is playing very important rule, maturing person with authority and directing his life for the glory of God and achieving the purpose of God.

7- A real need for a suitable partner would be raise up: The post of a suitable helper will become really a need when the man would be fully involved in achieving God’s will and plan. Then at this time God would move to fill this post, otherwise life is no more progressing and no more fruitful.

8- A suitable helper is not an easy post to be filled: The word of God tells us the following. *“But for Adam no suitable helper was found.”* It seems to be a very big struggle; the more the suitable helper is becoming needed the more it is difficult to be achieved.

9- God is the one to make and arrange the suitable helper and bring to man: *“So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.”* ²² *Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:21-22)* It have to be God’s hand and work so she is really the suitable (appropriate, fitting, apt, proper, right, correct, right and proper as it should be) helper (assistant, aid, aide, collaborator, co-worker, colleague, partner, and the right match.)

If man will chose sure there is a mistake but if the woman is from the Lord then she is suitable and compatible and she is a true helper. If man choice she will be incompatible (unable to get along, antagonistic, contradictory, clashing, opposing, conflicting, discordant, contrary, mismatched, unsuited, unable to coexist, irreconcilable, ill-assorted) instead of suitable. And if man choice she will be unhelpful (uncooperative, contrary, awkward, unaccommodating, obstructive, unsupportive, not ready to give a hand, disobliging, useless, not beneficial, not advantageous, unconstructive, impractical, unnecessary, a burden, negative, adverse, of no use.) If she is not from God she will carry another thoughts and vision, and move into opposite or different direction from that of man, and she will not be a helper but a burden to carry. When God is the one to bring she is out of the man of same material and they are compatible and in harmony. *“He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.” (Proverbs 18:22)* *“Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.” (Proverbs 19:14)* *“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.” (Proverbs 31:10)* The wife shall be a suitable helper as long as she is taken from the man, *“she*

shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” And the man will say, *“this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,”* and she is the real suitable helper to the man who cares for the garden or the things of God.

But if the wife or husband is not from the Lord then the following will be the outcome in the family life, *“Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.” (Proverbs 21:9)* *“Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.” (Proverbs 25:24)* *“A quarrelsome wife is like the dripping of a leaky roof in a rainstorm.” (Proverbs 27:15)*

10- A family formed by God can manage their life independently: *“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)* A marriage that builds on the above principles that comes from the word of God is like a house that builds on the rock and that is what we need. In marriage arranged by God husband and wife can stand alone successfully. Jesus said: ²⁴ *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* ²⁵ *The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.* ²⁶ *But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.* ²⁷ *The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Genesis 2:24-27)*

My Dear and Beloved: *“Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” (Genesis 2:25)* That was the last step and the crown of God’s work in man’s life. You should not bypass steps and the above principles to reach that; otherwise you will face troubles and unnecessary hardship in your future marital family life. **In Jeremiah 29: 5-6** God says *“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.”* It goes along with what God had said in Genesis 2. Before marriage there must be proper preparations and we need to keep the above principles and steps so we will be granted with success as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that gives me deep understanding and wisdom about marriage. Lord I commit myself to go in harmony with your word and do your will in things pertinent to marriage, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*