

BGM BIBLE COLLEGE

Lecture No 1

Christian Marriage & Family (Part 02)

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Topic: Concept and Theology of Marriage in the New Testament

Sources: Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 19 & 22), 1 Corinthians (Chapter 7)

1. Introduction and Core Concept

The lecture begins with the foundation of Christian marriage.

- **Key Verse:** *"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."* (Matthew 19:6)
- **Key Point:** Marriage is not a human invention, a societal construct, or a government law; rather, it is an **institution created by God**.

2. The Impact of Sin on Marriage

Changes in the husband-wife relationship after the Fall:

- **Before Sin:** There was perfect mutual love and respect.
- **After Sin:** A war of **"Power and Authority"** began.
 - The husband tries to dominate forcefully.
 - The wife tries to control the husband through manipulation.
- **Sexual Satisfaction & Polygamy:**
 - Multiple marriages (polygamy) are not the solution for sexual satisfaction.
 - Sexual fulfillment depends on **emotional bonding**, not just physical relations. If a man cannot find peace with one wife, he will not find it with four.

3. Biblical Marriage vs. Cultural Marriage

This is the practical and corrective section of the lecture.

- **Cultural Marriage:** When a husband lives abroad (Dubai, USA, etc.) for years while the wife remains alone back home. This contradicts Biblical principles.
- **Biblical Marriage:** The essence of marriage is **"Living Together."**

- Husbands and wives living apart for years is against the spirit of the Bible.
- Many Christian organizations maintain a rule that couples should not be separated for more than 3 months.

4. Marriage: Covenant vs. Contract

Christian marriage is far more than a civil agreement.

Contract	Covenant
Between two human beings.	Between two humans and God .
Can be broken if terms are violated.	A bond of lifelong faithfulness.
A human arrangement.	A Divine Yoke .

5. Theology of Marriage (Why no marriage in Heaven?)

- **Question:** Why will there be no marriage in the resurrection? ([Matthew 22:30](#))
- **Answer:** Earthly marriage is a **picture/reflection** of the spiritual relationship between **Christ and the Church**.
- **Explanation:** In Eternity (Heaven), we will be with the "Reality" (Jesus Christ). When the Reality is present, the "picture" or shadow is no longer needed.

6. Balance in Christian Life (1 Corinthians 7)

According to the teachings of Apostle Paul:

1. **Time is Short:** Worldly relationships are temporary.
2. **Finding Balance:**
 - Do not make your family an **"Idol"** (do not let them replace God).
 - Do not **"Neglect"** your family (do not ignore your responsibilities).
3. **Conclusion:** Fulfill your marriage vows faithfully, but remember that our ultimate destination is Eternity.