

BGM BIBLE COLLEGE

Lecture No 02

Biblical Foundations of Marriage & Family (Part 02)

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Topic: Teachings of Apostle Paul & The Theology of Ephesians Chapter 5

1. Introduction & Contemporary Challenges

- **Key Verse:** Matthew 19:4 (God made them male and female from the beginning).
- **Modern Issue:** Many countries (USA, Europe, India) are legalizing same-sex marriage.
- **Biblical Stance:** Marriage is strictly between one man and one woman.
 - Quote: "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

2. Family Residence: Joint vs. Nuclear Family

- **Biblical Principle:** "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife." (Genesis 2:24)
- **Practical Application (Pakistan Context):**
 - If a **Joint Family** has peace and love, it is acceptable to stay.
 - If the home is a constant battlefield ("Like an India-Pakistan war"), it is better to move out.
 - **Clarification:** "Leaving" does not mean abandoning parents; it means establishing a separate family unit. You must still serve and care for parents while living separately.

3. Marital Rights & Responsibilities (1 Corinthians 7)

According to the teachings of Apostle Paul:

- **Mutual Authority:** The husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does; likewise, the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does.

- **Intimacy:** Husbands and wives must fulfill each other's physical needs to prevent **immorality (Sexual Sin).**
- **Rule of Separation:** Do not deprive one another except by mutual consent for a time (for prayer).
 - *Missionary Rule:* Separating for more than **3 months** is harmful to a biblical marriage. (Living abroad for years while the spouse is alone is discouraged).

4. Singleness vs. Spirituality

- **Historical Error (Gnosticism):** In the early church, some believed that "matter/body" was evil, therefore remaining celibate (unmarried) was more "spiritual."
- **Correct Biblical Teaching:**
 - The body is not evil (it is God's creation).
 - Being married or single is not the standard of spirituality.
 - **True Standard:** Whether single or married, the person must live under the **Headship of Christ.**
- **Example:** A holy single woman is better than a sinful married woman.

5. Proper Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)

The lecture warned against dangerous misinterpretations of Scripture:

- **Bad Example:** Paul says, "I beat my body and make it my slave" (1 Cor 9:27). Some ignorant husbands interpret this as: "My wife is my body, so I should beat her." (**This is completely wrong and dangerous**).
- **Correct Meaning:** Paul was talking about disciplining his own **sinful desires**, not hitting his wife.

6. Theology of Marriage: Ephesians 5 (The Core)

This is the most critical theological foundation in the New Testament.

Christ and the Church	Husband and Wife
Christ: Is the Head of the Church.	Husband: Is the Head of the Wife.
Church: Is the Body of Christ.	Wife: Is the Body of the Husband.

Action: Christ gave His life for the Church.	Action: Husband must love with Sacrificial Love.
Action: Church submits to Christ.	Action: Wife should submit/respect the Husband.

- **Summary:** Earthly marriage should be a **reflection/picture** of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

7. Practical Advice

- **Motto:** "*Happy Wife, Happy Life.*"
- **For Husbands:** He who loves his wife actually loves himself (because she is his body).
- **For Wives:** She must show "Respect" to her husband.
- **Goal:** The home should be a place of peace, not a battleground, so the husband finds comfort when he returns from work.

