

## 4th Lecture Notes:



# Biblical Foundations of Marriage & Family (Part 02 )

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**Topic:** Summary of the Epistle to the Ephesians & Biblical Models of Marriage

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## 1. The 5 Golden Principles from Ephesians

The Pastor outlined five critical principles regarding marriage based on the Epistle to the Ephesians:

1. **Cosmic Plan:** Marriage is part of God's "Cosmic Plan" (Universal Order) in Christ. (Ephesians 1:10)
  2. **Filling of the Spirit:** Instructions regarding marriage are only for believers who are **"filled with the Spirit."** Nominal Christians cannot fulfill these standards. (Ephesians 5:18)
  3. **Love and Submission:** The command is for wives to submit and for husbands to love. (Ephesians 5:21-33)
  4. **Headship and Authority:** A husband's headship involves not only seeking his wife's growth but also exercising **"Authority."**
    - *Note:* If a husband and wife cannot agree on a matter, the **final say** belongs to the husband, and the wife should respectfully accept it (provided it is for the family's good).
  5. **Principle of Creation:** A wife's submission to her husband is not a result of the Fall (Sin), but is a **"Principle of Creation."** (Genesis 2, 1 Corinthians 11). This means the order remains valid even after becoming a Christian.
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## 2. Life Priorities: The 3 "K's" (God, Family, Ministry)

For a Christian family, the correct order of priorities must be:

1. **God** (Khuda)
2. **Family** (Khandan)
3. **Ministry/Service** (Khidmat)

- **Warning:** Often people (even Pastors) place "Ministry" or "Work" above "Family," which causes children to drift away from God.
  - **Lesson:** We must serve God, but not at the cost of sacrificing our family.
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### 3. Spiritual Warfare & Modern Challenges

- **The Smartphone Trap:** The Pastor identified the **Smartphone** as a weapon of the devil that is destroying families.
    - It is eradicating children's **Social Skills**.
    - It is a gateway to immorality and inappropriate content.
  - **Solution:** Parents must be strict, keep passcodes, and encourage children towards physical sports and reading books instead of screens.
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### 4. Three Biblical Models of Marriage (New Testament)

We find three types of couples in the New Testament:

#### (A) Joseph & Mary: "The Protective Couple" (Positive Example)

- **Reference:** Matthew 1:18-25
- **Scenario:** Joseph suspected Mary of unfaithfulness (due to the pregnancy), but he did not "**Publicly Shame**" her. He planned to divorce her quietly to protect her dignity.
- **Lesson:** A true man is not one who blackmails a woman or leaks viral videos (as is common today), but one who **protects a woman's honor and dignity**.

#### (B) Ananias & Sapphira: "The Couple United in Sin" (Negative Example)

- **Reference:** Acts 5:1-11
- **Scenario:** Both conspired together to lie to the Holy Spirit and hide the price of the land.
- **Lesson:** This is the couple **NOT** to follow. Husbands and wives should be united in righteousness, prayer, and service, but **never in sin**. If one spouse is doing wrong, the other must stop them.

#### (C) Aquila & Priscilla: "The Serving Missionary Couple" (Ideal Model)

- **Reference:** Acts 18, Romans 16
  - **Scenario:** This couple worked together as tentmakers and also served the Gospel alongside Apostle Paul. They opened their home for the Church.
  - **Lesson:** This is the best model. Husbands and wives should serve God together, offer their home for ministry, and disciple others.
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## 5. Summary

- Marriage is a lifelong covenant.
  - **Husband's Role:** Love + Sacrifice.
  - **Wife's Role:** Respect + Support.
  - None of this is possible through human effort alone, but only through the **help of the Holy Spirit**.
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**Student Task (Assignment):** In your notes, compare these three couples (Joseph/Mary, Ananias/Sapphira, Aquila/Priscilla) and reflect on which category most modern Christian families fall into today.