

## STUDY 2 - MARRIAGE

“Marriage is just a social construct.”

#marriage #husband #wife #wedding #covenant #sacred #holy #consummation

1. Why do couples decide to get married?  
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2. How can tell if a couple, intending to marry, love each other?  
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3. Can two people of the opposite sex truly love each other without having to either sexualise their relationship, or, get married? Discuss.  
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4. In the Introduction, the author states that the Bible does not describe marriage as a *contract*. Instead, how does the author state how the Bible *does* describe marriage agreement? And what is the difference between this and a *contract*?  
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5. Is *conflict* within a marriage an indication that this marriage is in trouble and is not ‘working’? Discuss.  
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6. On page 13 the author states, “*God has designed sexual intimacy as a sacred union between a man and a woman who have covenanted with each other before GOD.*” Based on Christ’s statements about marriage in Matthew 19:5-6, reinforcing the author’s claim that *sexual intimacy...is for those who have covenanted*. How then would you respond to a Christian who asserted that the Bible was “out of date” when it came to how it defined sexual immorality?
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7. The Introduction lists at four purposes for sexual intimacy within marriage on pages 16-17. Summarise these four purposes:
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8. God gave Adam his wife to be his equal - his *ezer* (see pg. 18). Read Ephesians 5:21-33 and list the responsibilities of a husband and a wife in a marriage:
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9. According to Malachi 2:14-15 what is one of God’s main purposes for marriage?
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Amen.