

Design and Disaster
(Genesis 1-3)

I. The Need to Reclaim Marriage and Singleness

- A. Widespread _____ in the realms of marriage and singleness.
- B. Three reasons for failure in the realms of marriage and singleness
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

II. God’s Design: The Symphony of Marriage (in four movements)

A. The First Movement: The Institution of Marriage (Genesis 1-2)

- 1. The *Mission* of the First Couple: to serve God by advancing his _____ over the earth (1:26-28)
 - a. Identity: “image bearers” who _____ the nature of their Creator and _____ Him
 - b. Differentiation: it takes _____ to properly represent God’s image and carry out the mission assigned to image-bearers.
 - c. Role: to rule over the sphere of earth as God’s _____ - _____.
 - d. Allegiance: their first and ultimate accountability was to the _____.
- 2. The *Creation* of the First Couple: (2:7, 18-22a)
 - a. The man
 - 1) Process: taken from the _____
 - 2) Assignments:
 - a) tend the garden;
 - b) name the animals
 - 3) _____: do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 - 4) Problem: _____
 - b. The woman
 - 1) Vocabulary:
 - a) “companion” = someone coming to the _____ of another
 - b) “corresponding = _____ opposite
 - 2) Process: taken from the _____

3. The “*Wedding*” of the First Couple (2:22b-25)
 - a. Picture: a _____ of what had been separated
 - 1) The woman shares in the _____ and _____ of being with her husband.
 - 2) The woman is _____ so she can help the man fulfill his responsibilities
 - b. Functions of marriage:
 - 1) A _____ to cultivate = *relational companionship*
 - 2) A _____ to share = *vocational partnership* (includes procreation)
4. The *Pattern* established by the First Couple (2:24): such a life-long partnership can only be built on the strongest possible _____ of _____ .
 - a. “Leave and cleave” = public _____
 - b. “become one flesh” = private _____
 - c. “What God has joined together . . .” (Mat. 19:6) = _____ enactment
5. Summary: In God’s original design, marriage was given to men and women to help them accomplish their shared *mission* of serving God in the advancement of his rule over the earth. This *purpose* is accomplished as the husband and wife actualize the marital *functions* of vocational partnership and relational companionship. **The purpose of marriage, then, is to facilitate the _____ through the implementation of the _____.**

B. The Second Movement: The Corruption of Marriage (Genesis 3 and OT)

1. The original fallout from the Fall (Gen. 3:16-19, 22-24)
 - a. The first couple _____ their mission – replacing sovereign rule with sin-stained _____.
 - b. Every function of marriage was corrupted:
 1. Companionship →
 - alienation and blaming (3:12);
 - _____ with domination of the weaker by the stronger (3:16)
 2. Procreation → childbirth now attended by _____ and _____ (3:16)
 3. Vocation → due to rebellion of their former domain, meaningful labor degenerated into life-sapping _____.
2. Contemporary manifestations of the corruption of marriage:
 - a. One of the primary functions has dropped off the grid:
 - b. The remaining function is degraded from “complementing” to “completing.”
 - c. The mission has been co-opted: the advancement of *my* kingdom.