

Marriage

1. INSTITUTION

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. (Genesis 2:20-22 NIV)

2. INDISPENSABLE

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 1:8 NIV)

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. (Proverbs 4:1 NIV)

My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 6:20 NIV)

3. INTIMACY

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:23-25 NIV)

SEVERANCE - *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother*

PERMANENCE - *and be united to his wife*

UNITY - *and they will become one flesh*

INTIMACY - *The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame*

4. **INSEPARABLE**

HOW DOES A COVENANT DIFFER FROM A CONTRACT?

- A covenant is based on trust between parties.
- A contract is based on distrust.

- A covenant is based on unlimited responsibility.
- A contract is based on limited liability.

- A covenant cannot be broken if new circumstances occur.
- A contract can be voided by mutual consent.

1. **ADAM & EVE** (Genesis 1:26, 2:3)
2. **NOAH** and his family (Genesis 9:8-17)
3. **ABRAHAM** and his descendants (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-14; 22:16-18)
4. **MOSES** and the Israelites (Exodus 19:5-6; 3:4-10; 6:7)
5. **DAVID** and the Kingdom of Israel (2 Samuel 7:8-19)
6. **JESUS** and the Church (Matthew 26:28; 16:17-19)

5. **IN THE LINE OF FIRE**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:16-18 NIV)