

## Introduction

1. The first Divine institution God established was the home
  - a. After God had created man, He said it was not good for man to be alone ([Gen. 2:18](#))
  - b. A suitable companion was made from one of his ribs ([Gen. 2:21-22](#))
  - c. Adam called her Woman ([Gen. 2:23](#))
  - d. Marriage was established and thus the home ([Gen. 2:24](#))
2. The fear of the LORD is essential to the home
  - a. Just before Paul discussed the church using the language of the home, he mentioned the fear of God ([Eph. 5:21](#))
  - b. If we do not reverence God, our homes will not be what they should be ([Ps. 127:1](#))

## I. Reverencing God's Marriage Law

1. God's marriage law: one man and one woman joined together by God for one lifetime ([Mt. 19:1-6](#))
  - a. God's marriage law was not revered early on ([Gen. 4:19](#))
  - b. Favoritism, competition, and conflict come when God's marriage law is not revered ([Gen. 16](#) with [Gen. 21:1-21](#); [Gen. 29-30](#); [Gen. 37](#))
2. Death dissolves the marriage bond ([Rm. 7:1-3](#); [1 Cor. 7:39](#))

## II. Reverencing God's Marriage Roles

1. God has defined clear roles for marriage ([Eph. 5:22-33](#); [Col. 3:18-19](#); [Titus 2:4-5](#); [1 Pt. 3:1-7](#))
  - a. We want a spouse that fears the LORD
  - b. Sad examples of those who chose spouses that did not fear God
    - i. Solomon ([1 Kgs 11:1-13](#); [Neh. 13:23-27](#))
    - ii. Ahab ([1 Kgs. 16:29-33](#), [21:25-26](#))
    - iii. Ananias and Sapphira ([Acts 5:1-11](#))
  - c. Aquila and Priscilla are a great example of a husband and wife who revered God ([Rm. 16:3-5](#); [Acts 18:24-28](#))

### III. Reverencing God's Marriage Rights

1. The marriage bed is undefiled ([Heb. 13:4](#))
  - a. God has placed the sexual relationship exclusively in marriage
    - i. This is why sex outside of marriage is fornication and sinful ([Gal. 5:19-21](#))
    - ii. This is why having sexual relations with one who is not your spouse is adultery and sinful ([1 Cor. 6:9-10](#))
2. Due affection is to be rendered to husband and wife ([1 Cor. 7:1-5](#))
3. Trouble arises when God's marriage rights are violated ([Pr. 6:20-35](#))

### Conclusion

1. God established the home early on ([Gen. 2:24](#))
  - a. A home is made of one man and one woman joined together by God for one lifetime ([Mt. 19:1-6](#))
  - b. The husband and wife each have their own God-given roles which must be revered ([Eph. 5:22-33](#); [Col. 3:18-19](#); [Titus 2:4-5](#); [1 Pt. 3:1-7](#))
  - c. God has also given each spouse exclusive rights to each other in marriage and only marriage ([Heb. 13:4](#); [1 Cor. 7:1-5](#))
2. Let us be those that reverence God and respect His establishment of the home
  - a. When each spouse fears the LORD, the home will be as it ought to be