



**Review: Mt 18:1-6 & Development of Humility; Corporate Testimony of the Christian Marriage, Eph 5:30-31: Sex Is a Ritual Commemorating Soul Rapport**

- 56) The corporate testimony of the Christian marriage is summarized in the last four verses:

**Ephesians 5:30 - For we are all members of Christ's body [ baptism of the Holy Spirit: current positional truth ].**

**v. 31 - For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave [ προσκολλάομαι, *proskollaomai* ] to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.**

This verse sets up the relationship between Christ and His Church and the corporate testimony of the husband and wife in marriage.

The husband enters into a corporate relationship with his wife and they establish a home. It is in this encapsulated environment that the couple enters into the privacy that was enjoyed by Adam and Ishah in the garden. They become one flesh, commemorated by the ritual of sexual intercourse, translated "cleave." The word for this in context is the future passive indicative of the verb:

**προσκολλάομαι, *proskollaomai* - "sexually unite with"**

This translation of the word is validated by two sources:

Balz, Horst and Gerhard Schneider (eds.). *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1993), 3:172:

**προσκολλάομαι, *proskollaomai***: Passive in Ephesians 5:31: "the man will be joined fast/inseparably bound to his wife" (citing Genesis 2:24 LXX; Hebrew דָּבַק *davaq*), Mark 10:7; Matthew 19:5. On the use of both the compound and simple verb in reference to marital or sexual relations in general.

Kittel, Gerhard (ed.). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Translated by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1965), 3:823:

**κολλάω, *kollaō***: "to glue together," "to join together," "to bind," "to cleave to." **Κολλᾶσθαι, *kollasthai*** comes to be used for intimate association in the form of sexual intercourse. (This word), like the corresponding דָּבַק *davaq* in Genesis 2:24, does not have the sexual sense, but it acquires this. The preposition **πρός, *pros*** may strengthen the degree of attachment. Matthew 19:5 and Ephesians 5:31 use it to denote sexual intercourse.

- 57) The application of this is elaborated upon by:

Thieme, R. B., Jr. *Right Man ~ Right Woman*. Rev. ed. (Houston: Berachah Tapes & Publications, 1973), 9-10:

In (Genesis 2) verse 24, God sets forth the divine institution of marriage, "and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." The word "cleave" means "to be joined"—sexual relationship. In other words, Adam and Eve had sex in the Garden—right man-right woman! Under this doctrine, sex is the highest expression of this relationship and one which cannot be duplicated by any other relationship in life.

It is not to be cheapened in any way. Distortions come from the sin nature or from Satan. Distortions will emphasize the body without the soul or the soul without the body. But you cannot divorce one from the other in the true concept which God designed. It is designed to be a perfect relationship, and therefore, certain things are prohibited.



Where does Satan enter the picture? In the last thirty years there has been an unparalleled movement to breakdown morality in our country. Satan has been very successful in promoting this moral breakdown. Morality, which has designed by God to protect a nation, also protects the relationship of right man-right woman. How well Satan has succeeded in his attempt to pervert God-designed sex is evident everywhere today. The entire emphasis of sex has been relegated to the physical only, so that the thing which makes it so marvelous and wonderful—the soul relationship—has been wiped out.

When frustration becomes intense enough, sublimation and false stimuli are substituted, which include heavy drinking, the use of dope and other things to produce physical stimuli apart from that which God designed.

Since sex was designed for both believers and unbelievers, God has set down certain laws that apply to both in this respect: protection of sex as an expression of the coalescence of the soul and therefore, the forbidding of adultery and perversion which takes sex out of context.

No nation has survived a maximum number of sexual distortions, as illustrated by Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19. The Greeks in the Age of Pericles became decadent and declined because of their homosexuality and resultant drinking. Both the Athenian and Spartan civilizations declined for the same reason. When the Romans came in contact with the Greeks, who were living in Southern Italy, and learned to drink wine and took on the perversions of the Greeks, there was a gradual breakdown of their own standards, and the destruction of the Empire became inevitable.

Sex was designed for the right man and right woman, and no one else!