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"What Marriage Is. "Genesis 2:24
1-Marry: Webster's definition;
  1-Derivation-From Old French Via of Latin.
  2-Means:
        1-To unite in wedlock.
        2-To join (a man) to a woman as his wife, or (a woman) to a man as her husband.
        3-To unite in close relation.
        4-To enter into close union.
2-Marry: God's definition;
  1-Genesis 2:24:
                Therefore shall a man leave his
    father and his mother, and shall cleave unto
    his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
    Matt. 19:5; 1-Cor.6:16; Eph. 5:31.
3-And they shall be one flesh --- May be understood
  in a twofold sense:
  1-They shall be considered as one body,
    1-Having no separate of independent rights,
      priviledges, cares, or concerns.
    2-Each being equally interested in all things
      that concern the marraige state.
  2-These two shall be for the production of one
    flesh.
    1-From their union a posterity shall spring.
      Genesis 9:1;
                 Be fruitful, and multiply, and
      replenish the earth. Repeated in 7th verse
      of this chapter;
                     And, you, be ye fruitful, and
      and multiply; bring forth abundantly in
      the earth, and multiply therein.
4-We have here the first institution of marraige,
  and in light of present day teaching, we see in
  it several particulars worthy of our most
  serious regard:
  1-God pronounces the state of celibacy to be a
    bad one, or not a good one.
    Genesis 2:18:
                It is not good that the man should
    be alone; I will make him an help meet for hi
  2-This is God's judgement --- Councils, C.fathers
    doctors are worthy of no attention here.
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"What Marriage Is." Genesis 2:24 5-True marriage is of God's making. Since God instituted marriage he also gave the law to rule it. 1-To contract marriage in a lawful way, God's law permits the children to leave their parents, however, no due honour is to be denied the parents. 2-Cleaving in mutual love to each other is the great conjugal law: 1-Such cleaving must be sincere. 2-Such cleaving must be reciprocal. 1-To reciprocate when used colloquially: (To return a compliment, good wishes, or the like) Reciprocal implies: Mutual interdependence or a complementarylrelation. Also ... To make a return for something done or given. 3-Such cleaving must be without end. 1-Will you leave all others and cleave only unto him, or her, until death shall togethe what mon But asunder -6-Marriage is an emblem of spiritual union between Christ and his church. 1-; 1-cor.11:2; For I am jealous over you with god ly jealously: for I have espused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. Eph. 5:25: Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it. 7-The happiest marriage is between souls stamped with God's image. For they truly are joined together in the same mind and in the same

judgement. 1-Cor.1:10

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