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Created For Intimacy
Designed for Monogamy

A Guide For Pre-Marital
&
Post Marital Counseling

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CHAPTER 1

The Law of Cleaving (LOC)

For This Cause

Gen.2:23d-25

...she shall be called Woman, **because she was taken out of Man.** **Therefore** shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Woman Taken From Man

The Law of Cleaving (LOC) undergirds marriage and was set in motion when God formed Woman from a fragment taken from man. When Woman was formed from man, a special bond was created which united them in a unique and powerful way. After Woman was taken from man, the LOC was set in motion, Godly Soul Ties (GST) were created, and the marital bond was established. The original purpose of the LOC was to compel a man to: leave, cleave, and become one flesh with his wife.

1. Leave - (Strong's 5800) *to depart or leave behind.*

By *leaving* mother and father, a man forsakes the **parent-child bond** to establish the **marital bond**. Leaving allows a man to form a strong emotional bond (soul tie) with a wife. When a man *leaves*, he becomes a self-supporting individual capable of maintaining an independent home. When a man *leaves* his parents, he stops depending on them as his primary support.

2. Cleave - (Strong's 1692) *to follow/pursuit, to be joined together, stay close, to be stuck together, to adhere.*

Cleaving generates strong psychological and emotional bonds called *soul ties*. The LOC influences physical and emotional intimacy resulting in the formation of *Godly Soul Ties* (GSTs). Cleaving unites husband and wife in a dimension beyond the physical realm.

3. *Become one flesh* - (Strong's 1320), the *physical body, the male (sexual) organ*. *Becoming one flesh* is the sexual union of husband and wife. The LOC compels a man (*husband*) to sexually unite with his *wife*. Because Woman was taken out of man, both man and Woman are compelled to be reconnected to each other.

Sexual intimacy unites husband and wife as *one flesh* but this union is more than physical. According to the ^{*} Law of Union, sexual union also results in spiritual union. Sex is more than a physical act. Through sexual intercourse, both spiritual and emotional bonds are formed between husband and wife.

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*Biblical Sexuality Volume 3, pg.39, Purity Press Publishers, 2004

Stable Marriages

Gen.2:24

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The LOC is an important marital *stabilizer*. As stated earlier, the LOC acts to influence a man to *leave* his parents and become independent. This same law kindles a desire within a man to seek a wife, cleave to her, and become one flesh with her. By activating the desire to *leave, cleave, and become one*, the LOC helps establish family and stabilize a marriage.

The LOC and covenant marriage are inseparable. In the beginning, covenant marriage was to be governed and sustained by the Law of Cleaving (LOC). Strong, enduring marriages depend on the positive influence the LOC exerts. As discussed in Volume 3 of the Biblical Sexuality Series, the LOC serves to undergird covenant marriage and strengthen the marital bond.

A marriage which has staying power is in part, dependent on the LOC functioning within it. A healthy social order hinges on a healthy family. A healthy family hinges on a healthy marriage. A healthy marriage is dependent on the LOC functioning as God originally intended. The LOC is a key spiritual law upon which marriage, family, and society are to be governed, guided, and girded. (See fig.1 pg.13)

What God Has Joined

Matt.19:4b-6

*...Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them **male** and **female**, And said, For this cause shall a man leave **father** and **mother**, and shall **cleave to his wife**: and they **twain shall be one flesh**? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. **What therefore God hath joined together**, let not man put asunder.*

Through His wisdom, God *joined* a husband to a wife. Jesus, while addressing a question on divorce, highlights several key points about marriage and its ultimate purpose. Consider:

1. God has established a “system” for sexual relations.
2. God’s sexual system is called male & female. Gen.1:27
3. God created sexual differences (male and female). Gen.1:27
4. God assigned separate functions for male and female.
5. God joined male and female as one flesh through covenant marriage.

Jesus endorsed this important biblical truth;

“Through marriage, God joined one man to one woman in sexual union.”

The union of one man to one woman is what God had in mind when he established and ordained covenant marriage in the beginning.

Through His wisdom, God joined a husband to a wife.

How God has Joined (Them)

How did God join one man to one woman? God joined one man to one woman in marriage, using the Law of Cleaving (LOC). The LOC also establishes gender distinction (male & femaleness) and parental function (motherhood & fatherhood).

Gen.2:22

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

The LOC was established when God *fragmented* Adam and formed Woman from that fragment (rib). The LOC works through what I call the *Fragmentation Theory* (see pg. 115) which states:

“The fragment (rib) from which Woman was formed, acts as a magnet, attracting man and Woman to each other, compelling them to become one in spirit, soul, and body.”

CHAPTER 5

The Sexual Response

Sexual Differences

Gen.2:27

...male and female created he them.....

The difference in male and female design is evidence the Creator ordained a different function and purpose for man and woman. By design, men and women have different:

1. Sexual functions
2. Sexual needs (i.e. what they need to experience sexual fulfillment)
3. Sexual responses

In Chapter 7, we stress the importance of husbands and wives being committed to providing their spouse with a *fulfilling sexual experience*. But a fulfilling sexual experience means something different to a husband than it does to a wife. Why? Because the *sexual response* of a wife is different than her husband's. In other words, the pathway to sexual fulfillment in male and female is very **different**. This is by design. Therefore, a wife is not going to attain sexual fulfillment in the same way her husband does. This is *very important* for husbands and wives to understand.

The pathway to sexual fulfillment in male and female is very different.

*Listed below are 6 important areas the female sexual response differs from the male sexual response.

1. In females, the motivation for sex is usually initiated by her need for *emotional intimacy*. However, male motivation for sex is usually initiated by a *desire for sex*. For most females, the *desire for emotional intimacy* usually starts the ball rolling, NOT *sexual desire*. In fact, at the onset of a sexual experience, the female may sense no sexual desire at all. If a husband wants to give his wife a satisfying sexual experience, the husband must learn to first meet her *emotional intimacy needs*. By doing so, a husband may then lead his wife to the “place of sexual desire.”

In the female, sexual arousal is greatly influenced by her....

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