Marriage is honourable among all in God’s sight, and hence it is detestable among all to the devil. The first attack of the devil on human beings was on marriage, and ever since then through violence and all kinds of immorality marriage has reaped the havoc being hells target. Yet God is the King, the only Supreme Monarch and everything serves His purposes and none can thwart His plans. Through His Son, He redeemed His people to Himself and restored the institution of marriage and revealed the truth for its existence in the Scriptures.

Here we are presented a few truths about the purpose of Marriage in God’s economy.

1. **REVELATION & REFLECTION**

God inaugurated history with Marriage and He is going to inaugurate eternity with marriage too. The first marriage was a creation of God to show us these two things.

Revelation - Marriage is a revelation of who God is. His plurality in singularity is the essence of marriage. God our Lord is eternally alone, but never lonely. For He is in Perfect Union within the Trinity who is The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Three Persons, One Being. Marriage of a man and his wife is supposed to reveal God as they come as two individuals in marriage becoming one.

This is to be reflected in marriage as husband and wife, two different individuals created with the same intrinsic value- the image of God, are commanded to become one.

**Verses for reflection - Genesis.1:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians . 5:22-33**

**2. COMPLETION & COMPANIONSHIP**

The Bible mentions the blessedness of being single for God’s purposes, however Marriage was God’s idea to make man complete.

Complete in bringing physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and relational satisfaction.

Companion - Only in a married relationship can a man legitimately become one with his wife for a lifetime in mind, soul and body.

**Verses for reflection - Genesis . 2:18-22**

**3. RECREATION & PROCREATION**

One of the prime and greatest pleasures given to mankind is the pleasure of physical consummation of a husband and wife in marriage. God designed sex to be enjoyed between the two individuals in marriage after they have pledged for a life time covenant relationship with God and before God. The unadulterated joy belongs to those who enter this covenant. Any other illicit way of this pleasure is condemned by God and defeats the purpose for which the pleasure was given.

It is also meant for procreation. Read Malachi 2:15 for understanding God’s desire towards procreation.

**Verses for reflection - Proverbs 5:15-18, Malachi 2:15**

**4. REALISATION & RECIPROCATION**

Marriage is a platform on which God’s unconditional love, grace, mercy, goodness, faithfulness and other facets of His glories are both experienced and exercised as the man and his wife both realise and reciprocate the character of God through their redeemed lives.

**Verses for reflection - Ephesians 5:22-33**

**5. SANCTIFICATION & PREPARATION**

For a person who is saved by Jesus Christ, all of life is a process of sanctification until the Lord returns or calls the person home. And God uses many instruments to sanctify the person through His Word (John 17:17). Marriage is a tool the Lord uses to sanctify both the husband and wife. The devil wants us to believe that the other person in marriage is the trouble maker but the Lord wants us to see them as His instruments in sanctification.

Marriage is a living parable, an ongoing object lesson and a visual explanation of Christ’s love for the Church. That is what Ephesians 5: 31-32 explains. Marriage is given for us to prepare for the eternal marriage of Christ with His redeemed people, His bride.

**Verses for reflection - I Peter 3:7, Rev. 19:6-8**

**Conclusion**

God’s purposes accomplished through Marriage

1. Building God’s church

Powerful families make a powerful Church.

**2. BIDDING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF**

A godly marriage is a witness of to the Gospel of Jesus Christ beckoning people to salvation

**3. BULLDOZING THE ENEMYS KINGDOM**

Joshua said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”! That’s the way the Lord bulldozes the kingdom of the enemy under our feet.