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God's Purpose in Marriage (3)

- God intends every aspect of marriage to be a clear and consistent revelation of Himself.
- Marriage is from God, for God, and about God.

God's Self-revelation in Genesis 1-2

- Genesis contains "hints" about the unique identity and of God.
- *Elohim*—plural noun, with singular verbs.
- Plural pronoun (v. 26).

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One

*Gen. 2:24 ...they [husband and wife] shall become **One** [echad]*

- Three Divine Agents involved in Creation (**v. 1**)
 - “God” (**v. 1**)
 - “The Spirit of God” (**v. 2**)
 - “God said [the Word of God]” (**v. 3**)

- The triad of the days of creation.

Day one, the creation of the *sky*>>**v.3-5** elaborated in **v.14-19**

Day two, the creation of the *sea*>>**v. 6-8** elaborated in **v. 20-23**

Day three, the creation of the *soil*>>**v. 9-13** elaborated in **v. 24-25**

- The triad use of the word “*created*” in **v. 27**.

- When we look at Genesis in the light of the Incarnation, we begin to see that there is a plurality within the One Being of God, not a singularity.

Matt 3:16-17 *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

Matt 28:18-19 *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name [singular] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*

In the One Being of God there exist three co-equal and co-eternal distinct Divine Persons, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- Each of Whom is fully God in Himself but not by Himself
- Each possessing the very SAME nature, essence, substance and attributes simultaneously
- Each relating to the Others in a fellowship of love in complete unity