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## God's Purpose in Marriage (4)

- What we have learned:

*Gen. 1:26 ...let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...*

*Gen. 2:24 ...they shall become one flesh...*

- God joined the man and the woman in the covenant of marriage as His means of declaring His uniqueness to the creation.

## The Uniqueness of God's Existence

- At the time of the writing of Genesis, the world believed in a pantheon of gods.
  - *Monotheism vs. Polytheism*

*Ex 5:1-2 Moses and Aaron said to Pharaoh, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Let My people go...'" 2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is YHWH, that I should obey His voice and let Israel go? I do not know YHWH..."*

- Not even Moses knew YHWH until **Exodus 3**.

**Ex 3:1-6** Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of YHWH appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When YHWH saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." ...10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt...13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his Name?' [Who is He] what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM Who I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'YHWH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My Name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations

- "Holy Ground" – *Qodesh* = Unique, separate, other-than.

**Is. 5:16** ...the holy God

- Everything pertaining to God is holy because He is holy.
- Even God's Name is holy—unique and other than because it stresses His eternal Self-existence.

**Ex 3:14-15** Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ...This is My Name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations...

**Isaiah 45:5** ...I am [YHWH], and there is no other: besides me there is no God ...6 I am [YHWH], and there is no other... 18 I am [YHWH], and there is no other... 21 there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me... 22 For I am God, and there is no other...

## God's Qodesh Revealed in Marriage

- God created *holy* matrimony as a principal means of imaging His own holiness, His own uniqueness.
- God has created marriage to be the joining of a man and a woman into the unique relationship of being *one flesh* (**Gen. 2:24**).
- Marriage is *holy* because God is *holy*.
- Knowing and understanding that marriage is holy to the Lord should motivate and empower us to better appreciate and live out the Divine purpose for marriage.
- Our marriages are to be a living statement of the uniqueness of God's Self-existence and supremacy.

*Ex.20:2-4 I am YHWH your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me...*

- Every husband and wife must be careful not to succumb to Satan's deceptions.

*2 Cor 11:3 I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ...*