

Marriage – Part 1(LFL-M-LDL) Summary  
What is Marriage? Why is Marriage?

Love, Friendship, Love, Marriage, Love, Death, Love. (LFL-M-LDL).

Ultimately this is a series about love which is the character of God (God is love), and through this series, we will touch on multiple aspects of the divine institution of marriage.

The format for the series will be:

1. Sermon or lecture presentations on the Sabbath.
2. Occasional Bible Study during the week, where we will address questions more appropriate for that format.
3. Online interactive and non-interactive surveys and assessments, as part of the Bible Study or sermons.
4. A Question and Answer portal for individuals to pose questions.

High-Level Topics:

What/Why is Marriage, Role of the Husband, Role of the Wife, Intimacy, Impact of Abuse, Marriage Young, Marriage Mid-life, Marriage Older, Separation, Divorce, Re-marriage Blended Families, Sickness, Death, Resurrection

1. Marriage and the family unit are the foundation of a stable society as well as a stable church
2. Satan has been highly successful in attacking husbands, wives, and the institution and thereby jeopardizing the salvation of some through this institution
3. We are often told that we are to have a successful marriage, but not taught how to have a successful marriage

The basis for an unhappy marriage either lies in the partnering of the two individuals or in the state of one or both of the individuals themselves to fail to demonstrate the love and character of God.

So,\*\*\*I want to preface everything both today and throughout this series with the stated fact that **with godly repentance, God forgives all sin—ALL SIN.**

What and Why is marriage? Ephesians 5:29-32

Church of God, a Worldwide Association's marriage ceremony.

There can be no greater human joy than to have a happy marriage, filled with giving and sharing. There is no deeper relationship among human beings than that achieved by a husband and wife in marriage.

Marriage is a divine institution, ordained of God.

What is meant by "divine institution"?

Divine: Greek - θεῖος **thēiōs**, *thi'-os*; (tha-os)

1. *of or from the gods, sent by the gods, issuing from them, divine,*
2. *belonging or sacred to a god, in honour of a god, holy,*

3. of anything *more than human, wondrous: of heroes, divinely strong, great, beautiful, etc.*, and as a mere mark of respect, *excellent, marvellous* things, one of the *most marvellous* things.
4. *the Divine Being, the Divinity, Deity,*
5. *divine things, the acts and attributes of the gods, the course of providence, religious observances.*

What is meant by Institution? A facility or establishment in which people (such as the sick or needy) live and receive care typically in a confined setting and often without individual consent; a custom or tradition that has existed for a long time and is accepted as an important part of a particular society: *the venerable institution of marriage*

**Malachi 2:10–17 (NKJV)** profaned the LORD's holy institution

**Malachi 2:11 (ESV)** profaned the sanctuary of the LORD,

**Malachi 2:11 (NIV84)** desecrated the sanctuary the LORD loves,

**Malachi 2:11 (ASV)** profaned the holiness of Jehovah

**Malachi 2:11 (YLT)** polluted hath Judah the holy thing of Jehovah

**Malachi 2:11 (JPS Tanak 1917)** profaned the holiness of the LORD

What is Treachery?

1. **be unfaithful**, be faithless, break faith, i.e., **not trustworthy or reliable** to a person or standard
2. **commit adultery**, be unfaithful, i.e., have sex with partner that is not one's married spouse
2. **betray**, act. treacherously, i.e., to be faithless to a principle, person or group, often with a result of handing someone into control of another, with justification.
3. **treachery**, i.e., trickery or deceit
4. **faithlessness**, i.e., not in accordance with a righteous standard.

**Jeremiah 3:14 (NKJV); Jeremiah 31:32 (NKJV); Proverbs 30:21–23 (NKJV); Genesis 20:3 (NKJV)**

*"The man who does this, being awake and aware,"*

**Being awake:**

*Hebrew: **ur** (עור, 5782), "to awake, stir up, rouse oneself, rouse." commonly signifies awakening out of ordinary sleep (Zech. 4:1) or out of the sleep of death (Job 14:12). In Job 31:29, it expresses the idea of "being excited" or "stirred up":*

**Song of Solomon 5:2 (NKJV)** *I sleep, but my heart is awake (er/ur);*

God says that if you are awake, if you are knowledgeable of the obligations of the marriage state, if have entered into that marriage union knowingly, and you have consummated that marriage, and you decide to deal treacherously within the marriage union, (man or woman), there are not just physical consequences, there are spiritual consequences.

## Being Aware:

Hebrew: *·anah* “to respond, answer, reply.” It should be contrasted to *·anah*, meaning “oppress, subdue.”

Communication, communication, communication!

1. One of the two meanings of *·anah* is “to respond,” but not necessarily with a verbal response.
2. The second major meaning of *·anah* is “to respond with words,”
3. *·Anah* may mean “respond” in the special sense of verbally reacting to a truth discovered:
4. *·Anah* can also be used in the legal sense of “testify”

**AWAKE** is a man or woman who knows and/or has knowledge of God’s better way (yet has entered into the marriage union and has been guilty of treachery)

**AWARE** means either or both can give a mountain of testimony, excuses, or defenses verbally and non-verbally, and their actions also answer their knowledge and behavior.