

The Permanence of Marriage (Two)

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 - b. To vividly illustrate the glory of Christ as seen in His love and faithfulness to His bride, the Church.
2. How then should Christ followers approach divorce?
 - a. Christ followers will set their hearts on _____.
 - b. Christ followers will not _____ divorce except in extreme cases.
 - c. Christ followers will _____ each other in obedience to Christ.
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**BE DIFFERENT
LIVE DIFFERENT**

Matthew 5-7



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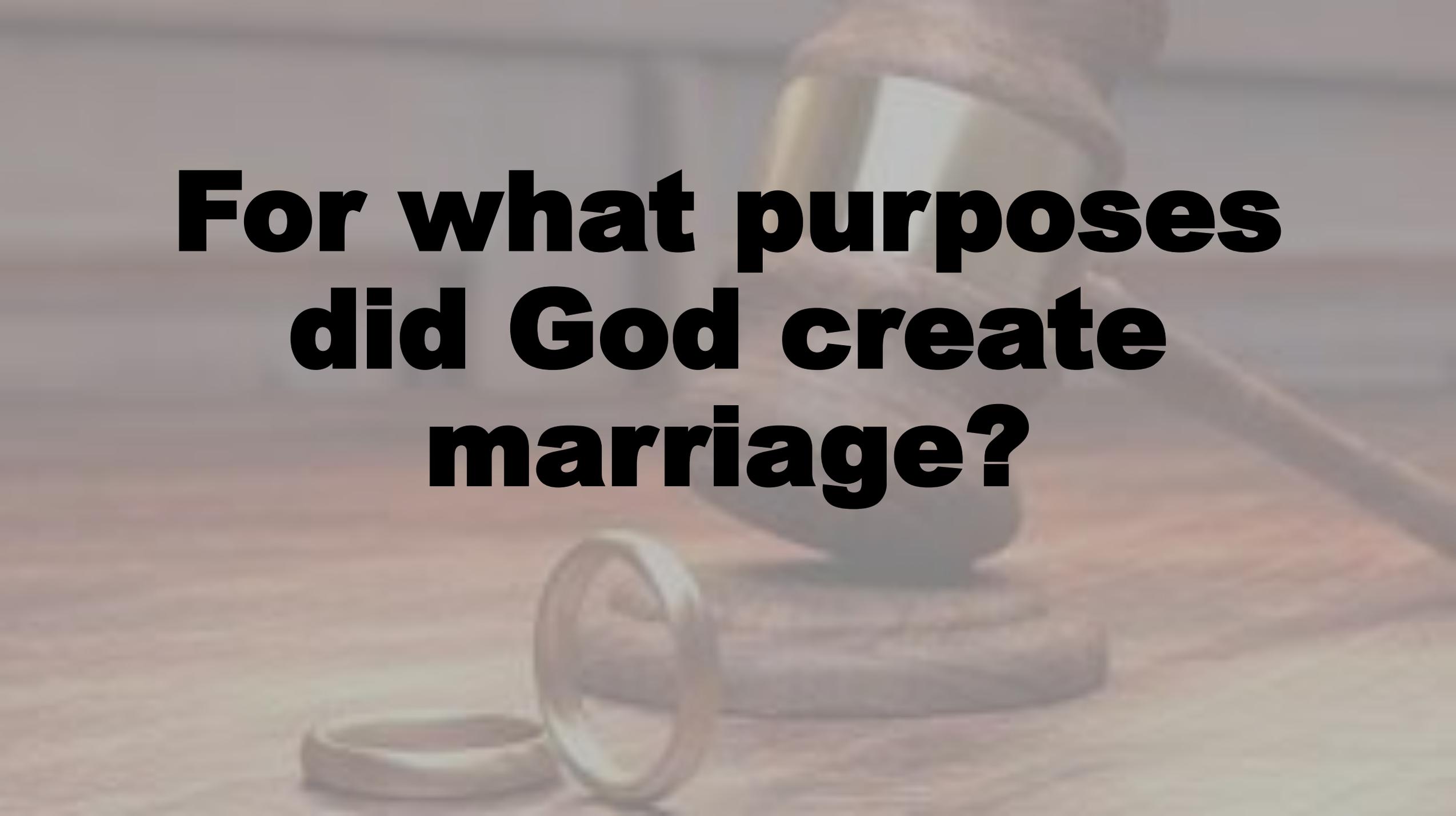
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God created marriage...

To put the glory of His nature and character on visible display.

Genesis 1:27

And God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
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*God created mankind,
and especially as male and female,
to image Himself forth in this world.*

Matthew 19:4-6

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*Marriage visibly displays God's nature
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*But the marriage relationship also visibly
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Implication!

You being married is not so much about your personal happiness or security as it is about you displaying the beauty and glory of Jesus as you relate to your spouse.

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How do we approach divorce?

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How can we effectively display the reconciling character of Christ while refusing to reconcile with a spouse?

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**Christ followers will not initiate divorce
except in extreme cases.**

1 Corinthians 7:10-11

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Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens,
and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

*This must include
compassionate discipline.*

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The church displays the faithfulness of
Christ to the abandoned
by not abandoning him or her.

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*What would change if the glory
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