

Family Matters

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

[Matthew 7:25]

"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him."

[Genesis 2:18]

1. The first institution God made was marriage.

"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."

[Genesis 2:24]

lit. To loosen or relinquish

- Law of Priority

"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."

[Genesis 2:24]

lit. "to pursue with all your energy"

- Law of Pursuit

"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."

[Genesis 2:24]

- Law of Partnership

"And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

[Genesis 2:25]

- The Law of Purity

2. The attack on the family begins with the mind.

"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" Of course we may eat from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat..." "You won't die!" The serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."
[Genesis 3:1-5]

She acted out what she had been thinking about.

3. Families are fixed spiritually before anything else.

"And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head and you will strike his heel."
[Genesis 3:15]

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."
[Isaiah 43:2]