

Title: A Good Thing  
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It was good.

### Genesis 1:10, 31; 2:18

<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### Genesis 2:18

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

### Three reasons for marriage:

- It is given for the companionship, help and comfort that the one ought to have of the other in prosperity and adversity.
- It is given that the natural instincts and sexual desires, bestowed by God, should be regarded as holy and ordered properly.
- It is given that they may have children and nurture them in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

### 1. Companionship

#### Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

### 2. Natural Instincts

#### Proverbs 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. <sup>16</sup> Should your springs be scattered abroad...? <sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. <sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth <sup>19</sup> ...Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. <sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

#### Hebrews 13:4

<sup>4</sup> Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

### 3. Godly Offspring

#### Malachi 2:14-15

<sup>14</sup> But you say, "Why does [*God not hear me*]?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

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### Proverbs 18:22

<sup>22</sup> He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the LORD.

### Access to God.

### I Peter 3:7

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

### Action Plan:

### Matthew 7:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.