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FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 8:

A JOURNEY THAT BEGINS WITH A WALK DOWN THE AISLE

Reading: Genesis 2: 19-25

Introduction

- In the beginning God created 2 people of different gender for each other.
- Having created the woman God '**brought her**' to Adam.
- [Vs 24] explains that term.

1 The Foundation Of Marriage

- When talking about '**marriage**' both Jesus in [Mark 10] and Paul in [Ephesians 5] go back to [Genesis 2:24].
- The Bible begins and ends with a marriage. [Genesis 2] & [Rev 19:7 / 21:2].
- Marriage was God's design and before church or government and God defined it.
- This is the blueprint to follow. This is God's foundation for society to build upon.

2 Ripping Up The Foundation

- Redefining marriage to say it could be of 2 people of the same sex started in Holland in 2001

- England and Wales & Scotland followed in 2014.
- Ireland followed in 2015.
- Northern Ireland had it imposed on it by Westminster 2020.

3 The First Wedding

- The 1st wedding occurred in a garden (Eden).
- God Himself was officiating minister, best man and witness.
- A covenant between man and woman with God as a witness.
- ***NB. No provision for divorce. This was a later concession if adultery had occurred.***

4 God's Wedding Gift

- God gave the '**happy couple**' the gift of '**sexual love**' on the day of their wedding - not before it.
- This gift of physical intimacy is for husband and wife. [Hebrews 13:4].
- A world in rebellion to God has taken this gift and both abused and misused it.
- When abused it leaves a trail of heartache and sin.
- Unless repented of and turned from heaven can't be reached.
- See Hebrew 13:4 / 1 Timothy 1:10 / 1 Corinthians 6:9 -10 / Revelation 21:8 / Ephesians 5:5

5 Living Together Or Co-habiting

- This also is not what God has ordained. Sadly, it's a substitute.
- In [John 4] Jesus met a woman not '**living right**'.
- He didn't turn her away. She found mercy and grace that transformed her.

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