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Lesson: DIVINE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

Col.3:18-4:1 covers three of the five Divine Institutions (DI) that have great spiritual influence within a nation.

- **3:18-19 – MARRIAGE**
- **3:20-21 – FAMILY**
- **3:22-4:1- EMPLOYMENT**

Today's lesson will study **SIX** aspects of **Divine Institution of Marriage** which has a spiritual influence upon the nation.

1. Each of the five DI have a divine structure of authority and subordinate that is important to the divine chain of command.

In Christian MARRIAGE, the divine chain of command works from **God to Christ to husband to wife.**

“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.” (Eph.5:23)

2. The five DIs are the social order of the divine institution of nation.

The first essential divine chain of command is God to Christ to Husband to Wife.

The second chain of commands important to understand is that each DI has its own order.

FREEDOM – soul has VOLITION (freedom of choice) – Gen.1:26-28.

EMPLOYMENT – employee and EMPLOYER (bosses) – Gen.2:15; 3:17-19; 5:12, 23; Col.3:22-4:1

MARRIAGE – wife and HUSBAND – Gen.2:18-25; 1 Cor.7:1-5; Col.3:18-19.

FAMILY – children and PARENT - Gen.3:16; 4:1-2; 5:1; Col.3:19-20

NATION – citizens and GOV'T - Gen. 10-11; 10:31 (language, land, nation); Matt.28:18-20; Acts 2:5.

3. Note carefully that both the **wife and husband** are under commands related to their position in **Marriage (Col.3:8-19)**.
 - **Wife** is commanded to *submit* (**hupotasso/ p.m.impv.2pl/** all Christian wives) – “As is fitting (*aneko/ perf.a.ind.3ps*) in the Lord.”
 - **Husband** is commanded to *love* (**agapao/ p.a.impv.2pl/** all Christian husbands) - AND “do not be embittered (*me pikraino/ p.p.impv.2pl*) against them.”

4. Paul gave important doctrinal principles for operating under the divine authority structure for soul compatibility between husband and wife in 1 Cor.11:10-12.

Note: Paul opened with” **Therefore**” referring to 1 Cor.11:3-9. In **11:3**, Paul explained the divine chain of command – **God to Christ to husband to wife.**

“**Therefore:**” Then Paul explained how important the divine chain of authority is in the practical everyday life of being married (1 Cor.11:10-12).

- The wife’s witness to “**angels**” (**11:10/ A/C/ angelic conflict**).
 - “**In the Lord**” is for both the Husband as well as for the wife (11:11).
 - The origin goes back to Creation and doctrinal principle – “**All things originated from God.**” (11:12)
5. Marriage came out of the creation and fall history (Gen.1-4). She was created as a weaker vessel in the chain of command – God to Christ to Husband to Wife.

“You husbands in the **same way, live** (*sunoikeo/ p.a.ptc.nplm*) with your wives in an **understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman** (Gen.2:21-24); and **show her as a fellow heir of the GRACE OF LIFE, so that your prayers will not be hindered.**: (1 Pet.3:7)

6. What does, “**In the same way,**” mean? Look at **1 Pet. 3:1, 5, 7 (MARKERS)**. What are **3 doctrinal principles we can learn to make us better husbands and wives?**

(In the same way) 1 Pet.3:1-4 – The **YOU** are Wives and the **THEY** are husbands.

What is wife told to do? Why? What part of the wife does she need to show her husband? (**3:4**)

(In this way) 1 Pet.**3:5-6** – former holy women – adorn themselves (3:1-4) by submissive behavior – study Sara h(Gen.12-18). What **warning** is given at the end of 3:6 to wives?

(In the same way) 1 Pet. **3:7** – who is being addressed? _____(plural)

- What does “**In the same way**” means to husbands? “
- Live (*sunoikeo/ p.a.ptc.nplm*) with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker? (**A/C**)
- Show (*aponemo/ p.a.ptc.nplm*) her honor as a fellow heir of the Grace of Life. Why? (Prayer life)

These Participles are working with “**Let it be**” of 3:3 (*eimi/ p.a.impv.3ps/ ASQ*) back to 2:18 / be submissive (*hupotasso/ p.m.ptc.vplm/ imperatival participle*).

