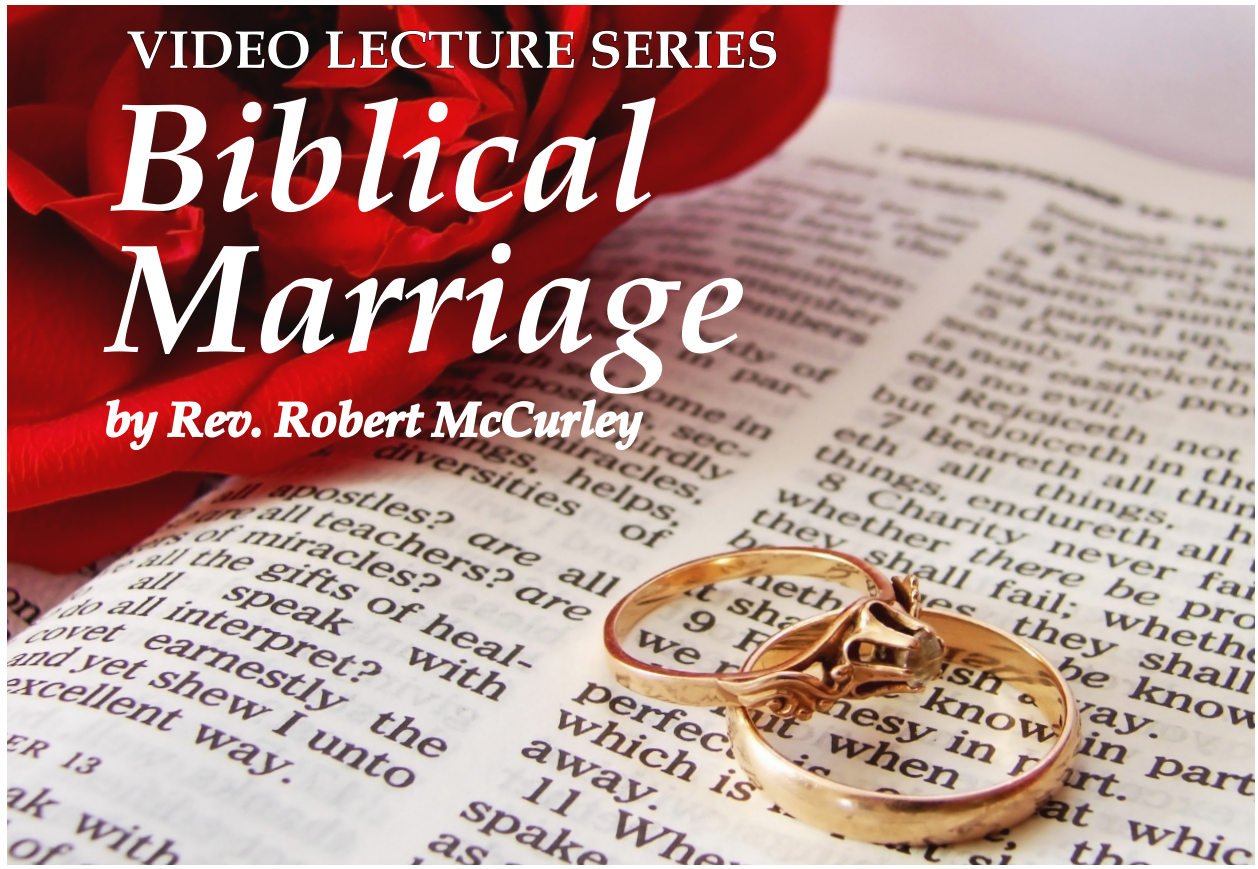


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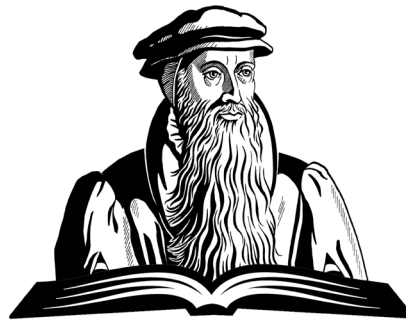
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Introduction: Driver's seat analogy

I. The Husband's Position: Headship—Ephesians 5, verse 23

- a. Christ pictured as bridegroom in Old and New Testaments.
- b. Husband's headship inescapable—Ephesians 5, verse 23
- c. Husband's headship represents God in the home -models the character of God to his wife and family.
- d. Husbands themselves subject to the headship of Christ—1 Corinthians 11, verse 3
- e. Husband's relationship to his Head influences relationship to his wife-
- f. Husband ordained to be governor of his home since before the fall—proof:
 1. Headship is a divine calling:
 - a. - parallel example in the authority given to office bearers
 2. When headship is not recognized by the wife, husbands may take offence for Christ's sake: may not react in pride and self centeredness.

II. The husband's pursuit: to love his wife

1. Ephesians 5, verses 25, 28, 33
2. Colossians 3, verse 19
 - a. The temptations leading to neglect of this pursuit
 - i. Temptation of bitterness—Colossians 2, verse 19
 - contrast with Christ's willingness to forgive-
 - ii. Temptation to be busy with other things
 - b. Husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. How does He love?
 1. He set His love on His people—Deuteronomy 7, verse 7
 2. He loved the unlovable—Romans 5, verses 8, 6, 10
 3. He cherishes the bride—Zephaniah 3, verse 17
 4. He is always attentive-
 5. His love makes His bride beautiful—Ephesians 5
 6. The husband is to praise his wife—Proverbs 31, verse 28; Psalm 45
 - c. Husband to support wife as weaker vessel
 - to look upon her with compassion
 - to nurture her
 - d. Husband needs to continue learning about his wife—1 Peter 3, verse 7
Discussions with the purpose of getting to know her better can include:
 1. biblical doctrine
 2. the home

3. children
4. responsibilities
5. her family and friends
6. areas of Christian service
7. how you could be a better father and husband
8. her struggles and feelings

Review Questions

1. What does it mean for a husband to be the head of his wife? How does this relate to the relationship between Christ and the Church?

2. Why does God tell husbands to love their wives, and what does this look like in practice?

3. When were husbands first entrusted with the responsibility of headship?

4. “The husband cannot cease being head, though in his sin he can at times serve as a dysfunctional head...you are always saying something... either something truthful or something erroneous about the gospel and the relationship of Christ and the church.” What two messages would these be?

5. “Headship is not a right at all but rather a responsibility.” Explain how this statement and how this principle guides our exercise of headship.

6. Regarding the pursuit of love, consider in what ways Christ has pursued his church with his love.
