

God's Owner's Manual

Mark 10:6-9
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The Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce. In their day, as in ours, divorce for any reason was widely practiced. Jesus explained that no fault divorces were not in God's plan from the very beginning. Jesus took them back to the beginning of time in verse 6. He said, "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'

Here in verse 6 is the first of four great principles of happy, God approved marriage found in this passage. That God made both male and female is a significant fact. He is the Creator. They are the created. He understands the innermost workings of mind, body and soul. Whether man or woman, God knows what you are and what you need.

When you buy a new car, one of the first things you do is read the manufacturer's manual. It is called the owner's manual, but we read it because it was written for the owner by those who know the car best.

The Bible is God's owner's manual. He, the Creator, wrote it for you and me. It tells us who we are and why we exist. It tells us what makes us run well and long. It provides us rules of good living and tells of our destiny after this life is done. Doesn't it make sense that God's book would have for us instructions about marriage: what marriage is, and why, and how to be happy in it?

The reason we have so many unhappy marriages in our land today is because men have stopped listening to what God has to say about it. We evidently think we can do it better ourselves. Thank God we cannot make a car with a mind of its own. What a mess that would be!