

# MARRIAGE CHALLENGES IN THE ASIAN WORLD

## Marriage is:

God's	Not:
Sovereignly	Not:
An Unbroken	Not:

## Marriage Is God's Idea:

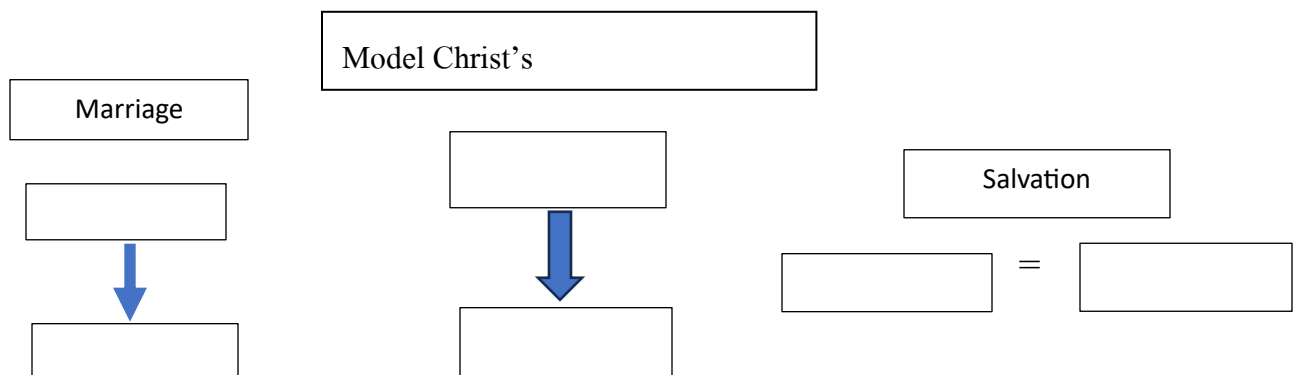
### God's General Design: Genesis 1

Genesis 1:1-23	
Genesis 1:24-27	

### God's Specific Design: Genesis 2

Genesis 2:4	God
Genesis 2:5, 6	No man to
Genesis 2:7	God creates a man
Genesis 2:15	God puts the man
Genesis 2:16, 17	God gives a rule
Genesis 2:18	God pronounces
Genesis 2:19, 20	God shows
Genesis 2:22	God solves
Genesis 2:23	Man recognizes
Genesis 2:24	God defines

## What A *CHRISTIAN* Marriage Should Do:



## How Marriages Were Divinely Arranged in Genesis

	Arranger	Selector	Process
Genesis 24			
Genesis 28			
Genesis 26			
Judges 14			

How do you know that your marriage was sovereignly arranged?

### The First Ceremony – Genesis 2:24

God's \_\_\_\_\_ ; Man's \_\_\_\_\_

Semitic ceremony:

#### Betrothal/Engagement –

- *Considered marriage* (Gen 29:21; Deut 22:23, 24; Matt 1:18, 20 [μνηστεύω – *promised/committed to marriage*]) [NBD, 743]
- Mohar [מֹהָר] – *bridal compensation (for lost labor & to provide for widowhood/divorce)* [ZPE, 4:96]

#### Ceremony

- Procession
- Marriage Feast
- **Covenant of Faithfulness** [*contract drawn by father of the bride ... Pro 2:17; Ezk 16:8; Mal 2:14*]
- Blessing Gen 24:60; Ruth 4:11
- Bridechamber/Huppa Psa 19:5; Joel 2:16; Mark 2:19
- Proof of Virginity Deut 22:13-21
- Festivities Gen 29:27 Psa 45; 78:63

<b>PRINCIPLE</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>ASIAN CULTURE</b>
<b>Divine Origin</b>	<b>Genesis 2:23, 24</b>	
<b>Designed For Permanence</b>	<b>Matthew 19:4-6</b>	
<b>Male Leadership</b>	<b>Genesis 2:7, 18, 22</b>	
<b>Complementarian</b>	<b>Genesis 2:20-23</b>	
<b>Leave/Cleave</b>	<b>Genesis 2:24</b>	
<b>God Centered</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:31</b>  <b>Colossians 3:1-4</b>	