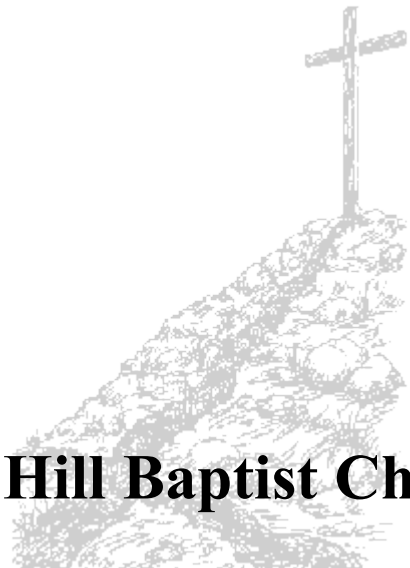


# Undeclared In The Way

The Marriage That God Blesses

Psalm 119:1-8



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**FOCAL Read Responsively** Psalms 119:1-8 Blessed are the undeclared in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. (2) Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. (3) They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. (4) Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. (5) O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! (6) Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. (7) I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. (8) I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Psalm 119 is one of the most beautiful, and one of the most complex set of Scriptures in the whole of God's Word. The *psalms* were *songs* that were sung when Israel joined together in the Temple to worship God. Psalm 119, the *longest psalm* in the Bible, is broken up into *eight verse segments*, with each segment being introduced by each of the *twenty two* letters of the Hebrew alphabet. This section of eight is called ALEPH, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. And the first word in this first section is *blessed*. This Psalm therefore deals with putting yourself in a place where God can bless you.

World view is a word that refers to how a person *truly believes*. For instance, there are many people who profess to be *Christian*, and yet they do not live out their lives as Christians. They are not, as the Psalmist says, "**undeclared in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD**". We know that a baby in a mother's womb is a person and not a thing by the way that it acts. A baby

will smile, suck its thumb, and display other mannerisms that are true of babies *outside* of the womb. If a person says to me that he or she loves the Lord, the *proof* that they love the Lord is that they are "**undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD**". In other words, they live their lives *showing* that they love the Lord. Jesus Christ said:

**John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

In other words, Jesus said that our **world view** should be lived out. We who *profess* to know Jesus Christ as Savior should walk "**undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD**". Chuck Colson said:

"Many believers do not understand that Christianity is a world view **Christianity does not stop with salvation; that is only the beginning.** The late great evangelist and philosopher, Francis Schaeffer, said **that beginning and ending with John 3:16 is like opening a book in the middle. Instead, you have got to start at the beginning and read how God created us in Genesis 1, then see that his Word speaks to all of life, and finally that it takes us to the glorious culmination of history.** Abraham Kuyper, a great theologian and one-time prime minister of Holland, said, 'There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry out: "Mine!"' All of life is under the lordship of Christ..."

Each Christian - if you will be intellectually and

spiritually honest - *must live in accordance with God's Word*. This alone must fashion our world view! Periodically I receive calls from people who profess to know Christ as Lord and Savior, and yet admittedly attend no local Church. Most of these people have a world view that is *not* shaped by the Holy Bible, but by television, radio, news, or Hollywood. The world view of the Christian *must* come from Jesus Christ, from His Words faithfully recorded in the Holy Scripture. If I were to walk in this room flapping my arms while claiming that I was an eagle you would, deservedly so, contact the men in white coats to carry me away. When world view and behavior do not match, you have a seriously deluded person. God's Law of Gravity holds me to the ground, whereas God's Law of Design keeps me from flapping my arms and flying.

I will not flap my arms before you and try to fly. No Beloved, my world view - shaped by God's Word - will not allow me to do that. It might amuse the children, but we have a more important thing to do today than to amuse. In recent years there have been a number of attempts to *redefine marriage* in America and in other nations. Some people want to define marriage as a union between two people of like gender - male to male or female to female. Others want to define marriage as *any relationship between any two creatures*. For instance, not too long ago several people tried to marry their pets. Many people, even some who *profess* to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, have stood up and endorsed this type of thing. So be it. But *what does the Word of God teach?*

## 1. What Is God's Law of Design For Marriage?

**FOCAL** Psalms 119:1-2 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. {2}

**Blessed are they that keep<sup>1</sup> his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.**

The Psalmist literally says, "**Blessed are those who protect {God's} testimony or witness**". What is God's *testimony or witness*, His **Divine Design** for marriage? If we're going to look at **God's testimonies - not the testimonies of popular opinion, of the lost world, of the Pope, or even of Brother David** - then we *must* go back to Genesis.

In the Book of Genesis we see that God made all of creation, then, at the very peak of all things God created mankind. The male portion of mankind was created first - the female portion was to come later. The Bible tells us that *we are created in His image*:

Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So **God created man in**

1 Qal Active Participle H5341, נָצַר, nâtsar, *naw-tsar'*, A primitive root; to guard, in a good sense (to protect, maintain, obey, etc.) or a bad one (to conceal, etc.): - besieged, hidden thing, keep (-er, -ing), monument, observe, preserve (-r), subtle, watcher (-man).

**his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

God is a *compound unity*, Triune, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - Three in One. God made **mankind - male and female - in His own image**. There was no genetic accident, but a deliberate portrait created. Mankind was designed **male and female**. God did this in His sovereign power. Genesis Chapter One gives us an overview on marriage, but it is not until **Genesis Chapter Two** that we see a detailed breakdown. The Bible tells us that Adam was **formed out of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7)** first. This was by design.

Man would come from the dust of the ground, formed from that which he was help. Woman would come from the rib of man, formed from that which she was to help.

When God made man, He said:

Genesis 2:18 the LORD God<sup>2</sup> said, **It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.**

God knew that within man's heart there would be a need for companionship. The woman was made from man's rib because *God loves us*. He loves His creation, His people,

2 Yahweh Elohim - the Eternal Godhead

and to provide the best for us He put man and woman together in the Garden. One man, one woman, bound together in need and in love. This is the testimony of God.

God created **Adam and Eve**, not **Adam and Adam** or **Eve and Eve**, or even **Adam and Eve and Eve**. In our world today people try and modify the **testimony of God** as presented in the Genesis account. When they modify this testimony, they do not bring blessing on their lives, but *great cursing!*

O my Beloved, how often people bring cursing on themselves when they draw away from God's design! Think about this Divine design:

1. This was one man and one woman
2. This couple were in the same relationship with the One True God
3. This couple worked together to glorify God in the Garden of Eden

While Adam and Eve - God's perfect marriage - worked together under God's Design, peace and harmony prevailed in the Garden.

## 2. God Wants Our Marriages To Be Blessed

**FOCAL** Psalms 119:2-4 ... Blessed are they **that keep his testimonies, and that seek him**

**with the whole heart. (3) They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. (4) Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts<sup>3</sup> diligently<sup>4</sup>.**

How did Adam and Eve fall away from God? They failed to jealousy guard God's **precepts** and to **walk in His ways**. They listened to the Devil who said:

Genesis 3:1 ... Yea, **hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

When the Christian walks away from God's Word and begins to live his or her life apart from what He has commanded, we then invite disaster into the marriage. God wants our marriages to be blessed - and will bless them. But we *must* follow His design. We must remember that marriage is still:

1. One man and one woman
2. This couple must be in the same relationship with the One True God

3 H6490, **צִוְּיָהּ**, **צִוְּיָהֶם**, piqqûd piqqûd, *pik-kood'*, *pik-kood'*, From H6485; properly *appointed*, that is, a *mandate* (of God; plural only, collectively for the *Law*): - commandment, precept, statute.

4 H3966, **בְּזַרְזֻרָה**, m<sup>c</sup>ôd, *meh-ode'*, From the same as H181; properly *vehemence*, that is, (with or without preposition) *vehemently*; by implication *wholly*, *speedily*, etc. (often with other words as an intensive or superlative; especially when repeated): - diligently, especially, exceeding (-ly), far, fast, good, great (-ly), X louder and louder, might (-ily, -y), (so) much, quickly, (so) sore, utterly, very (+ much, sore), well.

3. This couple must work together to glorify God in their "Garden of Eden"

Satan's tactics are always the same - and if we will be blessed, we must ignore him and passionately focus on God our Creator.

Before there was ever priest or pastor, Israel or Church there was the marriage. The husband was supposed to be the leader in this sacred union, the wife his heart. Together they were to walk the path that God laid out for them.

They must not depart from this sacred path, lest they bring cursing on themselves.

**FOCAL** Psalms 119:4 **Thou hast commanded US to keep thy precepts diligently.**

God wants our marriages to be blessed. He has designed us male and female, called us into unity one to another, and commanded us to follow Him and Him alone. Our Master and Savior has said:

**John 14:23 ... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

This is what God wants in a marriage. Two people,

joined together as *one flesh* by God - and the Triune God in the middle of this glorious, wonderful relationship.

God wants our marriages to be blessed. The Psalmist prayed:

**FOCAL** Psalms 119:5 **O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!**

His prayer was that God would directly intercede in his life and guide his steps in obedience. The great preacher **C.H. Spurgeon** stated:

**"Divine commands should direct us in the subject of our prayers. We cannot of ourselves keep God's statutes as he would have them kept, and yet we long to do so: what resort have we but prayer? We must ask the Lord to work our works in us, or we shall never work out his commandments."**<sup>5</sup>

Marriage is God's Will, God's Design, God's Order, God's Sovereign Decree. The marriage that honors God is truly **undefiled in the way**. As a Church we are recognizing God's Design of Marriage and the Family. Are there any among you who would like to renew your wedding vows today? If so, would you come forward now?