God’s plan for the marriage covenant involves at least the follow four, vital principles:

a. **The Permanence of Marriage**
   i. Matthew 19:3-0
   ii. Malachi 2:10-16
   iii. Rev. 19:6-9

b. **The Sacredness of Marriage**
   i. Genesis 2:22 – not merely a human agreement
   ii. Matthew 19:6 – what God has joined together
   iii. Ephesians 5:22-33 – picture of Christ and the church

c. **The Intimacy of Marriage**
   i. Genesis 2:23-25
   ii. 1 Corinthians 7:1-2
   iii. Proverbs 4
   iv. Proverbs 5
   v. Proverbs 6:27-29, 32-33
   vi. Proverbs 7

d. **The Mutuality of Marriage**
   i. Ephesians 5:25-30
   ii. 1 Peter 3:1-7