



**SERMON OUTLINE OCTOBER 4, 2015**

## **“God’s Gift of Marriage”**

Genesis 2:18-24

**INTRODUCTION:** *Socrates, the Pope, and marriage*

**I. A SENSE OF NEED** (Genesis 2:18)

- A. Horizontal aloneness: a need to be close to another
- B. Vertical aloneness: a need to be close to God

**II. AN EMOTIONAL EXCITEMENT** (Genesis 2:22-23)

- A. Honeymoon days with your beloved
- B. The spiritual honeymoon with God
- C. *The hand-holding octogenarians:* mature love

**III. AN ACT OF ONGOING COMMITMENT** (Genesis 2:24)

- A. The marriage ceremony of man and wife & beyond . . .
- B. The spiritual “marriage” of God and you & beyond . . .

**CONCLUSION:** *Is there an ultimate message of marriage?*  
*Yes!*