

SERMON OUTLINE – OCTOBER 7, 2018

“Thank God for Marriage”

(Genesis 2:18-24)

INTRODUCTION: *A farmer’s saying about his 70 year marriage...* 😊

I. A SENSE OF NEED (Genesis 2:18-24)

- 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 90 year olds:* 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: *The message of marriage:*

love, forgiveness, commitment

