



SESSION SIX – God's First Relationship Rule is Good Management

Introduction & Review:

Suppose you've got a couple and both of them have come out of good Christian families and they are good persons, no hang-ups. (Session 3)

And God has led them together. They're sure of that. (Session 4)

And just suppose, it'll never be, but just suppose for discussions sake, that this man and this woman both are free from their prideful selfish self. There is no bit of self-seeking at all. They never do anything because they want to. They are always considering the other first, completely. (Session 5)

Would they have any problems in being one? Mr. Hatch says, "I hear some of you saying "No." I'm sorry to tell you they'll have very few problems. We're getting it down to a very few. But I think I can prove to you from the Scriptures that they will never be one unless they take another step. Even if you were absolutely perfect, there is something else here that must be dealt with.

Some years ago I was reading a secular book on marriage, and I ran across this great statement:

"The most easily apparent causes for these marital failures are two-fold; first, the failure to pick a suitable mate." We've dealt with that. And then he says this, "And secondly, once a mate has been chosen, the failure to work out relationship rules which will be durable and equitable."

What are God's Relationship Rules which are durable and equitable? Two or more people cannot relate and be one unless there is good management.

• What does that management look like?

Answer: It looks like the Trinity. See how the Father manages the Son. **1 Corinthians 11:3 (ASV)** – ³ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Mr. Hatch says, "God has never said that I am to be the head of my wife. It is not that, Jesus Christ is the head of every husband. And the husband is the head of the wife. That is not a monarchy. That is not a democracy. It is the only form of government that God has established. In His nation of Israel in the Old Testament. In the church in the New Testament. And in the future kingdom in the millennium on this earth if you believe there will be one, that's the only form of government God knows anything about. Do you know what it is? It is simply this. And it is not pious talk. It is actually the rule of God through a man whose heart is perfect toward Him, which is called sometimes a theocracy. The marital relationship here is a little miniature theocracy where Jesus Christ is the

manager. Now watch it, it is not the husband who is the manager. Jesus Christ is the manager. And He manages through His person and He gets to the wife through that. And eventually you'll get to the children."

It is not subordination. It is not inferiority. It is so we may be one.

Every Christian is called to be submitted to Christ? How does Christ manage you? Does he ever force you? Does he ever cut you down? Does he ever not utilize your strengths?

Summary: Mr. Hatch says, "The first law of relationship is this. Look, the man is completely in the hand of God. This woman is completely in the hand of God. And God says, "You men, not because there is anything in you, but because I have delegated it in you, I want you to be the manager. And you woman, not because you are inferior and I'm not making you inferior, I'm not subordinating you, but in order that we might be one, I want you for My sake and for work's sake, I want you to be in subjection to Him."