

**Sermon Outline** for October 7, 2018

Text: Genesis 2:18-24

Title: "The Way It Should Be"

Introduction

How should a marriage look?

- I. Paradise Created – God created woman for man and man for woman.
  - A. Woman was created in the image of God, just as Adam was.
  - B. To add to the joy of both Adam and Eve, the Lord enabled them to have children.
- II. Paradise Lost – Satan intervened to frustrate God's plans.
  - A. Adam and Eve felt no shame.
  - B. This condition (sin) was inherited by the children.
- III. Paradise Restored – God restores paradise through the obedience of his Son and the forgiveness of sins.
  - A. God has not abandoned his original good and gracious purpose for people.
  - B. As fast as Satan works to destroy God's kingdom, the Lord works to re-establish it.
  - C. Christ's relationship with the church is the best example of marriage.

Conclusion