

Marriage

(Between a man and a woman)

Marriage – the foundation of the home and family is the oldest institution on earth. That institution established and defined by God has stood the test of time until this generation – **our generation!** Now, to our shame many are attempting to redefine marriage to include that which God not only never intended to be a part of the institution of marriage, but has condemned in no uncertain terms.

The Record

“And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave the names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out

of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:18-24).

Now, what have we seen?

1. God knew that it was not good for man to be alone.
2. God took a part of man (a rib) to create a helpmeet (woman).
3. God brought the woman to man to become his wife.
4. God established and defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

Yet, despite the fact that God instituted and defined marriage as between a man and a woman, the drum beat has gotten louder and even more shrill to accept same sex marriage. All who oppose same sex marriage are **labeled** as either prejudice or homophobic, and the tactic has been extremely successful in silencing many who do not want to seem intolerant.

Further, for the first time in American history we have a sitting President who has come out publicly in favor of same sex marriage. Understand please, it does not matter who or how many evolve into accepting same sex marriage, God did not, has not, nor will he ever sanction that union and all the “I Do’s” in the world will not change that.

Homosexuality

Friends, do you know that God has much to say about same sex and **none** of it is

good!!! In the Old Testament same sex was forbidden under penalty of death:

“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman kind: it is abomination” (Leviticus 18:22).

“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them” (Leviticus 20:13).

Folks, if language means anything at all, same sex activities were condemned and were dealt with severely. **Do you see?** If we lived under the Old Testament Law no one would be talking about the rights of homosexuals to marry, no sir, death by execution would dominate that discussion.

God declares in the Old Testament that same sex is an abomination. In the New Testament we are told why; namely, same sex is contrary to the very creation of God.

“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. A-men. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust one toward another;

men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient” (not fitting A.S.V.) (Romans 1:24-28).

This is a strongly worded indictment from God, those who are of a certain mind set he gave up; through the lust of their own hearts they dishonoured their own bodies. Then God reveals how they dishonoured their own bodies. Men with men, women with women. What happens when men lust for men, and women lust for women? It is vile affections. What does vile mean? Vile means among other things: repulsive, disgusting, morally evil, degrading (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*).

Beloved, marriage is intended to be honourable (Hebrews 13:4). Homosexuality is not honourable, it is a disgrace of ones own body, it is vile affections. In light of that, how could anyone claim that same sex marriage is good?

Subsequently, many of those who argue for same sex marriage also argue for same sex adoption. Do you know why? Same sex couples cannot of themselves reproduce, they have to have your children and mine because what they do is not natural. **IT IS AGAINST NATURE!!!**

There Are Consequences

Folks, this goes far beyond legal rights. Understand, we in the Lord’s church have and will continue to adamantly oppose the effort of anyone to change the God - given institution of marriage, but there is more at stake, much more. There is a judgment day and a God to face that has spelled out the end of those who chose this path, and all the name calling in the world will not alter Divine truth. Please consider the end of that way of life.

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6).

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7).

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