

MARRIAGE AS GOD ORDAINED IT

Mt.19:3-9

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Marriage in the eyes and practice of some is one thing; marriage as God ordained it is altogether something else.
2. Marriage as we often see it taught and practiced by those of the world is nothing like what God ordained it should be, nor like the marriage relationship practiced by those who respect marriage as God ordained it.
3. Those who only see or think of marriage as it is so often grossly, shamefully perverted and mocked by unbelievers and hypocritical professors are sometimes influenced thereby to denigrate marriage as an undesirable institution of no benefit to mankind.
 - a. Example: Young male Christian who reportedly said: “Marriage is a trap!”
4. In view of such things we need to study and to emphasize over and over again and again what the Bible, the inspired text, teaches about marriage as God ordained it.
5. Marriage as God ordained it is:

II. DISCUSSION

A. A MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIP.

1. Gen.2:18-24; Mt.19:3-6; Mk.10:6-9.
2. The fact that same-sex cohabitation, or sexual relations between those of the same sex, is always condemned as sinful emphasizes and reiterates the truth that marriage as God ordained it is a male-female relationship, Lev.18:22; Rom.1:26,27; 1Cor.6:9-11; 1Tim.1:10; Cf. Gen.19:4-11; Jude 7.
3. Anytime sexual relations between those of the same sex are mentioned they are always condemned as sinful – something to repented of or suffer eternal consequences.

B. A MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP.

1. Of or pertaining to monogamy – marriage composed of one man and one woman as opposed to polygamy.
2. Gen.2:24; Mt.19:4-6; 1Tim.2:1; 1Cor.7:2 (emp. “wife” and “husband” is singular, not plural).

C. A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP.

1. It’s “till death do us part,” Mt.19:3-6; Rom.7:1-3; 1Cor.7:5,10-13, 39.
2. God hates divorce or “putting away,” Mal.2:16.
3. With the exception of one cause, God condemns and forbids divorce as sinful when and if for any other reason, Mt.19:3-9; Cf. Mt.5:32; Lk.16:18.

D. A HOLY RELATIONSHIP TO BE MAINTAINED IN HONOR AND PURITY.

1. Gen.2:24; Mt.19:4-6; 1Cor.7:2-5; Heb.13:4; Cf. Eph.5:28,31-33.

E. A SIN-PREVENTING RELATIONSHIP FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

1. 1Cor.7:2-5,7-9,36-38.
 - a. “Burn” is used metaphorically of the emotions in V.9.
 - b. Marriage is not commanded; nor is it necessary for one and all persons. See Vv.7,8.
 - c. However, there are those for which it is necessary – that is, for those who cannot or have difficulty maintaining control of their sexual passions or desires.
 - d. V.9 teaches that in such cases it is “better” for them to marry than to “burn”, or be aflame with passion, or “to be consumed with the fire of sexual desire.”
 - e. The verb “to marry” is an aorist verb. Hence, the idea is that it is better to marry once and for all than to continually have to fight one’s sexual passions.
 - f. For to marry and therein satisfy one’s sexual passion is honorable; but to burn with lust is sinful (Mt.5:28).
2. God has placed within the heart of both male and female the sexual desire.
 - a. Thus there is nothing wrong with it.

- b. But at the same time God has regulated when, where and how that desire may be satisfied without sin – where it is holy, right.
- c. God has limited it to ordained scriptural marriage.
- d. Any sexual relations between persons outside marriage as God ordained it is sinful!

F. AN EARTHLY RELATIONSHIP.

- 1. Gen.1:26-28.
- 2. Mt.22:23-30; Cf. Mk.12:24,25; Lk.20:34-36.
- 3. Neither the Sadducees of Jesus' day, nor the Mormons of our day believe and teach the truth about marriage as God ordained it.
 - a. The Sadducees of Jesus' day didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead and a future life and thought the law of Moses on marriage pertaining to one's brother marrying the wife of his deceased brother who died having no children proved it.
 - b. The Mormons of our day believe that in the resurrection from the dead they marry and are given in marriage.

III. CONCLUSION

- 1. Marriage as God ordained it is:
 - a. A beautiful and glorious institution.
 - b. For man's benefit. Cf. Gen.2:18-24; 1Cor.7:2-5,9; Heb.13:4.
 - c. So plainly revealed in the inspired text that there is no excuse for man's wrong attitude toward it, nor his sinful practices concerning it, nor his gross perversion of it.
 - d. Only distasteful to, feared and rejected by those who do not want to retain God in their knowledge, and who, like the Gentiles of old, "Professing themselves to be wise, have become fools," Rom.1:22.