

IS IT WRONG TO MARRY MORE THAN ONE WIFE AT A TIME?

"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife" (Mark 10:6-7).

It has been the question of many as to whether it's wrong or not for a man to have more than one wife at a time. However, the answer is obvious in the word of God. Now it is God who instituted marriage, and He made the first marriage so perfect according to His perfect will. If God wanted a man to have more than one wife, He would have created two or three Eves for Adam.

Yes, some people of the Old Testament took more than one wife, but that wasn't the perfect will of God. The issue of polygamy is similar to that of divorce. In Malachi 2:16 God said "I hate divorce", yet people were divorcing and Moses permitted them. Why? Jesus said; "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning" (Matthew 19:8).

We can equally apply this to the issue of polygamy. In the verse above our Lord Jesus reminds us of the perfect plan of God about marriage; "at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'" Take note; God made them one male and one female, not one male and two or three females. If God wanted one man to have more than one wife, He would have made them one male and two or three females at the first marriage.

Scripture says; "for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). So that union should be between "a man" and "his wife". That is, one man and one woman in a married state; not one man and two or three women.

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