

Marriage is Honorable

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Marriage

I am inclined to bring to light of what the Bible says about Marriage, at a time when people from various Nations and different walks of life are trying to define Marriage to suit their circumstances and needs to achieve their self-interest.

Lawmakers, Politicians, The Judiciary, the media, Churches or any other worldly established institutions cannot bring changes to the Divine Laws laid down by God the Creator. It is not a matter to be discussed and decision taken in Parliament, United Nations, Political parties, the Church Synod or communities by majority votes; as God Himself Instituted Marriage at the beginning of creation of the Universe.

Man was created not evolved:

This is expressly declared, and the declaration is confirmed by Christ; it is also confirmed by the unbridgeable chasm between man and beast; the highest beast has no God-consciousness:

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Have you not read that he who made them at the beginning, made them male and female; And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two

shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”- **Mat 19:4-6**

Man created in God's image was placed in sovereignty over the earth, crowned with glory and honor, yet subject to god his Creator. ***The divine intention was and is that man should have fellowship with God in obedience.***

Marriage Instituted by God:

The Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to 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 in its place. Then the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, He made into a woman and He brought her to 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 a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **Gen 2:18-24**

Marriage is honorable:

“Marriage is honorable among all....” **Heb 13:4**
And it is a permanent bond. “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made

them male and female? For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So them, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate: **Matt 19:4-6**

“Marriage” is the union of one man and one woman in wedlock, whereby they become one flesh; it is a joining together of male and female in this relation, and of two only, and of such as are not within the degrees of blood forbid by the law, Lev 18:6 and of such as are fit for marriage: and this is “honourable”, as it was instituted by God, and has been honoured with the presence of Christ. Gen 2:22. And it is so in the ends of it, being to procreate children, multiply the earth, build up families, preserve a legitimate offspring, and prevent fornication and all uncleanness; and it is so, when the duties of the relation are performed on both sides: and it is honourable “in all”; in all things, in all respects, upon all accounts; “every way”, “everywhere”; it has been honourably esteemed of among all nations; it becomes persons of all ranks and degrees, quality, and order; and it is honourable in all that are lawfully married, and do not violate the marriage contract, or defile the marriage bed.

God made each one of us with a beautiful purpose in mind. He created man and woman to

be united someday as one. They are to be joined together in marriage, love one another, share life, bear their children and thus make a family.

Marriage is blessed of God:

From the beginning then—from the first introduction of man and woman, the original parents of the whole human race, into the world—marriage was instituted and enjoined by God Himself. There can be no error here. It is not a human institution, and therefore subject to the uncertainties and imperfections which accompany everything that originated from man. God Almighty, of wisdom infinite—whose prospective vigilance nothing can escape—saw that it was good, and gave it his absolute and unqualified sanction.

Marriage is blessed of God for having children. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Gen 1:27-28.

Marriage is dissolved at death:

Marriage is dissolved at death.-For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Rom 7:2-3

Marriage is centered in Love:

Marriage is centered in love and obedience of a man and woman, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Wives:

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Eph: 5: 22-24

Husbands:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he

might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. Eph: 5: 22-24

Husband and Wife become one:

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Eph 5: 31-33

Marriage – Worthy of Jesus' Presence:

Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding to which Jesus and his disciples were invited and the mother of Jesus was also there. This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples

believed in Him- Jesus gave such an importance to wedding to perform His first miracle when a man and a woman get married. John 2:1-11

Prohibitions concerning marriage:

The Lord God spoke to Moses, saying, “speak, to the children of Israel, and say to them: I am the Lord your God- None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the Lord.

‘The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. “The nakedness of your father’s wife you shall not uncover; it is your father’s nakedness. ‘The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover. The nakedness of your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness. The nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, begotten by your father—she is your sister—you shall not uncover her nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister; she is near of kin to your father. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister, for she is near of kin to your mother. You shall

not uncover the nakedness of your father’s brother. You shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law—she is your son’s wife—you shall not uncover her nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother’s wife; it is your brother’s nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, nor shall you take her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are near of kin to her. It is wickedness. Nor shall you take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive.

‘Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity. Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her. Lev 18:1-20

Adultery:

“You shall not commit adultery”- This is one of the Ten Commandments given by God”

Jesus said: “You have heard that it was said to those of old, you shall not commit adultery: But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart”

Furthermore it has been said, whoever divorces his wife; let him give her a certificate of divorce. But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality cause her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

These are all teachings you find in the Bible where marriage always refers to a husband and wife (Man and Woman).

Homosexuality is Forbidden and Considered an Abomination:

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion. Lev 18: 22-23

And there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations, which the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. 1 Kings 14:24

If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to

death. Their blood shall be upon them. Lev 20:13

Punishment:

‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you. For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

‘Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I am the LORD your God.’”

Unclean:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Rom 1: 18-23

God gave them up:

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise

also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. Rom 1 : 24-27

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Rom 1:28-32

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgement of God is according to truth against those who practice such things (sexual perversions and abominations). And do you think this, O man, you judge those practicing such

things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgement of God?

Marriage arranged by parents:

Marriage is always between a man and a woman.

Hagar the maid servant of Sarah the wife of Abraham, who departed from the house of Abraham with her son wandered in the wilderness. Ishmael the first son of Abraham to Hager grew up and he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother (Hagar) took a wife for him from the land of Egypt Gen: 21

Abraham when he was old sent his servant to take a wife for his son Isaac from the daughters of Canaanites. Accordingly his servant went with prayers and found Rebekah the daughter of Bethuel and sister of Laban Gen: 24. This is how marriages were arranged by parent looking out for a wife for their son and giving in marriage, which is always between a man and woman with parties consenting.

Consent and Commitment:

Having chosen Rebekha to be the wife of his master's son Isaac as the Lord guided, the

servant of Abraham said” “Do not hinder me, since the Lord has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master.” So, Laban and Bethuel said, “We will call the young woman and ask her personally.” Then they called

Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man? And she said, “I will go”. So they sent away Rebekah with her full consent. They blessed her and said, “Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them”

Rebekah went and became the wife of Isaac. Gen: 24

Marriage had always been arranged in the Old Testament days by parents with parties consenting and blessed for a generation to come. It had always been between a man and a woman.

The Failure of Esau:

Esau the son of Isaac, when he was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?” Gen 27:46

Success of Isaac:

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not

take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. And Isaac blessed him in the name of the God Almighty. Jacob obeyed his father and his mother and went to Padan Aram. Gen 28

This was how the parental concern was there in giving in marriage, taking a suitable wife to their son. Marriage had always been between a man and woman.

Romance involved in Marriage:

Jacob obeyed his father Isaac's command and went to Padan Aram to take him a wife from the daughters of his mother's brother Laban. When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban at the site of the well where they water the sheep; that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her

father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father. When Laban heard about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house.

What a wonderful way of finding a partner to be his faithful wife for a blessed family life. This is marriage that God instituted and made honorable. Let us not defile and make it an abomination by any other means to receive the wrath of God. Marriage is always between a man and woman.

Law of Marriage:

If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, 'I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin' then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the gate. And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her. Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, "I found your daughter was not a virgin," and yet these are the evidences of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. Then the elders of that city

shall take that man and punish him; and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.“But if the thing is true,

and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman, then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father’s house. So you shall put away the evil from among you. Deut 22: 13-21

Purpose of Marriage:

And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to 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 a man shall leave his father and

mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;

have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth”. **Gen 1 & 2**

He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them mankind in the day they were created **Gen 5:2**

The Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the spirit? And why one? **He seeks godly offspring.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. **Mal 2: 14-15**

Principles of Married Life:

It is recommended that, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due to

her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and

come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Prevention of Fornication:

Apostle Paul says this as a concession not as a commandment, that all the unmarried men, women and widows; “It is good for them if they remain even as I am (unmarried); but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. **1 Corn 7: 2-9**

Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some have already turned aside after Satan **1 Tim 5: 14-15**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their

own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Tim 4: 1-3

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corn 6:9-11

Perverted persons were banished:

Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David. And he banished the perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. **1 Kings 15:11-12**

Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah and he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the Lord. ***He banished the rest of the perverted persons from the***

land, who remained in the days of his father Asa. **1 Kings 22: 41-46**

Rehoboam the son of Solomon become king and reigned Judah. Now Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done. For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and

wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. ***And there were also perverted persons in the Land.*** They did according to all the abominations of the nations which ***the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.***

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

1. Actions of perverted man:

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made

them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him,

"Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."

So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."

And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck the men who

were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! “For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has

sent us to destroy it.” Lot was asked to escape with his family

Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. **Gen 19:1-25**

(Actions of perverted men were so great that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah)

2. Example of Tribal Immorality:

A certain Levite travelled with his wife and servant and they were near Jebus, and the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, “Come, please, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it.” But his master said to him, “We will not turn aside here into a

city of foreigners, who are not of the children of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah.” So he said to his servant, “Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah.” And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. They turned aside there to go in to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he sat down in the open square of the

city, for no one would take them into his house to spend the night.

Just then an old man came in from his work in the field at evening, who also was from the mountains of Ephraim; he was staying in Gibeah, whereas the men of the place were Benjamites. And when he raised his eyes, he saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, “Where are you going, and where do you come from?”

So he said to him, “We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah toward the remote mountains of Ephraim; I am from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; now I am going to the house of the LORD. But there is no one who will take me into his house, although we have both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and bread and

wine for myself, for your female servant, and for the young man who is with your servant; there is no lack of anything.”

And the old man said, “Peace be with you! However, let all your needs be my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square.” So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!”

But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. Look, here is my virgin daughter and the man’s concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!”

But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought her out to them.

And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

Then the woman came as the day was dawning, and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her master was, till it was light.

When her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, there was his concubine, fallen at the door of the house with her hands on the threshold. And he said to her, “Get up and let us

be going.” But there was no answer. So the man lifted her onto the donkey; and the man got up and went to his place. Jud. 19:11-28

Having seen what the Bible says about the marriage and all actions of perverted men indulging in immoral practices, which are against the teachings of god, and sinful acts in the face of the almighty creator; let us look into the secular world’s definition of the word “Marriage”:

Secular Definition of Marriage:

The world’s Leading Dictionary “Oxford English Dictionary” by Oxford University Press in their Fifth Edition in 2002 give the following meaning to the word “MARRIAGE”

1. Marriage: Legally recognized personal union entered into by a man and woman (usually) with the intention of living together have sexual relations, and entailing property and inheritance rights; the condition of being a husband and wife; the relation between person married to each other.
2. The action or an act of getting married; the ceremony or procedure by which two persons are made husband and wife. This ceremony together with accompanying festivities; a wedding.
3. A particular union between a husband and wife.
4. Social and legal institutions of formalized union between man and woman, typically foundation of family unit; matrimony; wedlock.
5. Join in Wedlock; unite man and woman in marriage, take another as one's spouse.
6. State in which two persons are bounded together under socially prescribed rules, especially for procreation and child rearing.
7. An ultimate Union. Apart from the above English description of the word 'Marriage'; all the other languages describe marriage as a union of a man and woman who become husband and wife.

Having all the above facts both from the secular world and from the spiritual world of all faiths, and above all the Word of God the "BIBLE" speaks very clearly that the marriage is between a man and a woman instituted by God Himself. The Bible at the same time speaks against any other form or description of marriage.

We as believers and faithful followers of the Word of God cannot at anytime or under any situation be swayed to please others around us, and circumstances in which we live.

The few countries, which have defined Marriage, other than a union of a man and woman, need to bring changes in their dictionaries in their respective countries. Otherwise this will confuse and bring contradiction among the future younger generation as they refer to their dictionaries where they will find that the meaning of the word 'marriage' is one, and in practice it is another.

Results of Changes:

The Bible clearly says about the people who bring such confusion: "...they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were

darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools,” Rom 1:21-22

Judgement According to Truth:

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and

longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: **Rom 2:1-6**

Christian Marriage:

A Christian marriage can be beautiful and blessed if we acquire the necessary information about it from the right source. That source is the Holy Scriptures. It is very important that we ensure to use the Holy Bible as the source for the

true marriage standards and define marriage, the conduct within it and those things relating to it, from the information given to us by the Bible in its proper context considering the background (culture, customs, traditions etc). So the authority of what is a Christian marriage and how the marriage should exist and operate will be taken from the teachings and source information in the Bible since Christian marriage and the standards for the Christian life is revealed in the Bible.

A Christian Marriage is more than just the union of the opposite sex. A Christian marriage is

characterized principles that are taught in the Bible. A Christian marriage is not defined by the teachings of a church. It adheres to the standards of marriage revealed in the Holy Bible regardless of a church’s teachings and practices.

Biblical definition of Marriage:

There are three aspects of the Biblical definition of marriage.

*First **“a man shall leave his mother and father.”** The emphasis is on the man because he is the head of the family. Only in his father’s

house would another man hold that position. Thus, the first phase of the marriage involves the husband setting up his own household apart from his parents.

*The second phase of marriage is expressed in the words **“be joined to his wife”** This means joining together of the two persons so that they are in very close contact and virtually inseparable. Therefore, the second phase in establishing a marriage is the creation of a close relationship in which the husband and wife tend to stick together in various activities.

*The words that constitute the third phase of marriage **“shall become one flesh.”** The

common interpretation is that this phase refers to sexual relationship.

Another interpretation argues that becoming one flesh refers to the wife becoming part of the husband's family. The word “flesh” refers to a natural life. Therefore, the third phase of marriage is make life together in this world, with common interests and desires.

Marriage occurs when all three phases are in effect.

All these three phases in marriage are Biblical which clearly states that marriage is always between a man and a woman as instituted by God. Although throughout history some have sought to impose their own definitions in these matters and many others relevant to the church; for Christians marriage is defined by God's word, not human logic, ethics, tradition or law.

Holy Matrimony:

Holy Matrimony is a wonderful gift from God. From the very beginning, God is His infinite wisdom, ordained marriage as proper and sacred.

The origin of marriage was instituted by God when He declared” It is not good that man should

be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him. So God fashioned woman and brought her to man, on seeing woman, Adam exclaimed, “this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Submission in Marriage:

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the

conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. **1 Pet 3:1-9**

Principles of a Married Believer:

Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her

husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.

And a woman who has a husband, who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O

husband, whether you will save your wife? **1 Cor 7:10-16**

Blessing on the home of God Fearing:

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
Who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor
of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be
well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine. In the very

heart of your house, Your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life. Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel! Psa 128. (A home consists of husband, wife and children)

Virtuous Woman:

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain. **Pro 31:10-11**

Children:

1. The gift of God

* Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like

arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

* But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." **Gen 33:4-5**

2. A Blessing

* Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father. **Pro 17:6**

* The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice **Pro 23:24-25**

Childbearing:

Agreeable to God's command:

- Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **Gen 1:28**

Result of Marriage:

- And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **1Tim 1:14**

Sacred Institution Ordained by God:

"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business;

he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken. **Deut 24:5**

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD. **Prov 18:22**

Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. **Jeremiah 29:6**

....It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. **1 Cor 7:1-2**

“Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife is from the LORD. **Pro 19:14**

God instituted marriage for a purpose:

God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. (God saw everything that he created was good for a family- Husband, wife and Children)

Instruction about Divorce:

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and

said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” **Matt 19:3-9**

Resurrection and Marriage:

Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. So the

seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife.”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are

given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *burning bush passage*, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I *am* the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken.” **Mark 12:18-27**

Disobedience of Man:

Through generations people had been rebellious against the teachings of God:

- But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart;
They have revolted and departed. **Jer 5:23**
- I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts; A people
- who provoke Me to anger continually to My face;.... **Isa 65:2-3**
- But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
And He fought against them **Isa 63:10**

It is disheartening to note that Churches and church leaders are going against the Word of God to recognize and solemnize marriages other than between man and woman under the pretext of human rights, social justice and various other present day jargons.

Judgement

One day we all have to stand before the judgement seat of God when we have to answer for all our rebellious actions, motives and disobedience to the command of God.

Let us therefore look to our Lord like the Psalmist King David and pray:

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end. Give me
understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed,
I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me
walk in the path of Your commandments, for I
delight in it. Incline my

heart to Your testimonies, And not to
covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at
worthless things, and revive me in Your
way. Establish Your word to Your servant, who is
devoted to fearing You. Turn away my reproach
which I dread,
For Your judgments are good. Behold, I long for

Your precepts; Revive me in your righteousness.
Psalms 119: 33-40

Prayer

Let us therefore unite in prayer for God's intervention and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to reveal the Truth to open their spiritual eyes which are blinded by the darkness of the this world.

- Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **Eph 4:18-19**
- But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. **2 Cor 4:3-4**

Blindness is removed by Christ:

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is

acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things (fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, jesting which are not fitting; let it not be once named among you) which are done by them in secret.

Eph 5:8-20

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who in time past were not a people but are now the people of God; who had now obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy” **1 Pet 2: 9-10**

May our Good Lord Bless you and help you to grow in the faith and to be a blessing to others around you.

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