

“Marriage By God’s Design”
Genesis 2:18, 21-25
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Jeremiah 1:17

Isaiah 5:20-21

Genesis 2:18, 21-25 is the basis for marriage. Jesus and the Apostles all refer to it.

- 1. Marriage – Old & New Testament**
- 2. Marriage – Fruitfulness**
- 3. Homosexuality – Old & New Testament**
- 4. Homosexuality – Unfruitfulness**
- 5. Responding To Marriage By God’s Design**

1. Marriage – Old & New Testament:

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 1 – 10X “And God said”

Genesis 2:24

Marriage is the First Institution that God creates. Marriage is created and established before civil government, and even before the local Church.

Three of the Ten Commandments (Foundation of Society) reflect directly upon God’s Instruction of Marriage/Family:

Commandment #5, Ex. 20:12 – “Honor your father and your mother,”

Commandment #7, Ex. 20:14 – “You shall not commit adultery.”

Commandment #10, Ex. 20:17 – “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife.”

God Hates Divorce: Malachi 2:16

Marriage Reaffirmed by Jesus in the Gospels: John 2:1-11

Matthew 19:4-6 – Jesus repeats Genesis 2:24

Mark 10:6-9 – Jesus again repeats Genesis 2:24

Summary Of Jesus' teaching on Marriage:

1. Marriage was instituted by God at the Beginning – Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6
2. Marriage was designed for those created male and female – Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6
3. Marriage is for man and woman, who become 'one flesh' (produce offspring) – Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:8.
4. Marriage is a union that God joins, not the state – Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:9.
5. Man may try to separate, but only God alone has Authority – Matthew 19:7-9.

Marriage Reaffirmed by Apostle Paul in the New Testament:

Ephesians 5:25-32 – Paul repeats Genesis 1:26

Ephesians 5:31-32

Biblical Marriage Is A Qualification for Christian Leadership:

Titus 1:6

Marriage Reaffirmed by The Apostle Peter: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Marriage Revealed by John in Revelation: The Mystery Paul speaks of in Ephesians, Revelation 21:9.

2. Marriage – Fruitfulness: (7 Results Of Marriage)

1. Marriage Brings Stability To Society.
2. Marriage Brings Profound Human Good, Elevating Social and Sexual Nature.
3. Both Men and Women Who Marry are Better Off as a Result.
4. Marriage Protects and Promotes the Well-being of Children.
5. Marriage Sustains Civil Society and Promotes the Common Good.
6. Marriage Is a Wealth-Creating Institution, Increasing Human and Social Capital.

7. A Functioning Marriage Serves To Protect Political Liberty and Foster Limited Government.

3. Homosexuality – Old & New Testament:

Homosexual – “a man or woman who engages in sexual activity with another member of the same sex.”

Old Testament References: Words the Bible uses to describe this sin: a “grievous sin” (Genesis 18:20); “wicked thing” (Genesis 19:7); “detestable” (Leviticus 18:22); “unnatural,” “indecent act,” “perversion” (Romans 1:26-29); will not “inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

The Incident In Sodom – Genesis 19:1-13

Deuteronomy 29:23; Isaiah 1:9-10; Isaiah 3:9; Jeremiah 49:18; Amos 4:11; Matthew 10:15; Romans 9:29; 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7

The Levitical Prohibitions – Leviticus 18:22

Leviticus 20:13

The Incident In Gibeah – Judges 19:15-25

Homosexual Cult Prostitutes – 1 Kings 14:24

New Testament References:

Women and Men Committing Acts Against Nature – Romans 1:26-27

Homosexuals Will Not Inherit The Kingdom of God –
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Homosexuality Is contrary to Sound Doctrine – 1 Timothy 1:9-10

Reference to Sodom and Gomorrah, going after ‘strange flesh’ –
Jude 1:7

4. Homosexuality – Unfruitfulness:

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Are At Epidemic Proportions Among Homosexuals:

- **HIV/AIDS:** Homosexuals are approximately 5,000 times more likely to contract AIDS.

- **Human Papilloma virus (HPV):** HPV infection was almost universal among HIV-positive men, and 60% of HIV-negative [homosexual] men carried HPV."
- **Hepatitis:** The Centers for Disease Control reports, "Outbreaks of Hepatitis A among men who have sex with men."
- **Syphilis:** homosexuals acquired syphilis at a rate ten times that of heterosexuals.
- **Gonorrhea, Gay Bowel Syndrome (GBS), and Anal Cancer.**

Mortality Rate: The average life span of heterosexual Males is 75 and Females is 79

The average life span for homosexual males is 41 yrs. Lesbians is 45 yrs.

Homosexuals Have Very Few Long-Term Relationships.

Homosexuals have high numbers of partners.

Monogamy – One study reported that 66 percent of gay couples reported sex outside the relationship within the first year, and nearly 90 percent if the relationship lasted five years.

Domestic Violence: In a survey of 1,099 lesbians, they found that "slightly more than half of the [lesbians] had experienced violence."

Depression and Suicide: Rate of depression: 40% for male homosexuals; 3% for male heterosexuals.

Rate of attempted suicide: 18% for male homosexuals; 3% for male heterosexuals.

In 2007, the Los Angeles Times reported the frequency of methamphetamine use is 20X greater among homosexuals than in the general population.

5. Responding To Marriage By God's Design: (7 Conclusions)

1. All sex outside of marriage is sinful, whether heterosexual or homosexual. Sex in marriage is honorable, sex outside marriage is not – Hebrews 13:4.
2. Marriage is a divine institution, not merely a civil one. Marriage was instituted by God at the beginning – Matthew 19:3-4.

3. Marriage is for man and woman, who become 'one flesh' (produce offspring) – Matthew 19:5.
4. One may divorce and remarry, but still commit adultery – Matthew 5:31-32. God allows divorce only for fornication, and remarriage by the innocent – Matthew 19:9.
5. Marriage throughout the Bible is always between a Man and Woman. Marriage was designed for those created male and female – Matthew 19:4
6. There is not one mention regarding same-sex marriage in the Bible. (Though the practice was known among the Gentiles)
7. God loves the homosexual. Because God loves homosexuals, so should we. God does not want homosexuals to stay in their sin. His grace for forgiveness is available without restriction to all sinners.

God's message to the Church at Thyatira – Revelation 2:20-23

Application:

1. As Christians, Our Beliefs Are Determined By God's Word, Not By Relational Emotional Ties, Public Opinions, Or Even Court Decisions, But What The Bible Says.
2. As Christians, We Must Love The Sinner But Hate The Sin. The Bible Condemns The Practice Of Homosexuality, Just As It Condemns Premarital Sex, Adultery, Incest and Pedophilia. Jesus Loves And Died For Sin And The Sinner.
3. We Need To Pray And Share With Those Struggling With Same-sex Attractions Or Confusion About Their Biological Identity. God Loves Them And Will Receive Them And Forgive Them If They Will Repent And Place Their Faith In Jesus.
4. The President Urged Supporters Of Same-Sex Marriage To "Help" People To Overcome Their Religious Convictions, So They Are No Longer Held Back From A Progressive American View Of Equality. The Bible Alone Is The Standard Of Faith And Conduct.