

**“The Biblical View Of Marriage”  
Genesis-Revelation  
Sunday March 24, 2013**

**Genesis 2:18, 21-24**

**Jeremiah 1:17**

**How does God view all these changes? Isa. 5:20-21**

**1. Old & New Testament Marriage**

**2. Fruitfulness Of Marriage**

**3. Old & New Testament Homosexuality**

**4. Unfruitfulness Of Homosexuality**

**5. The Logical Response To Biblical Marriage**

**1. Old & New Testament Marriage:**

Marriage – Merriam-Webster's definition in 2003 said: a. the state of being married, b: the mutual relation of husband and wife: WEDLOCK, c: the institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family.”

Merriam-Webster's definition in 2006 adds: (2) “the state of being united to a person of the same sex in a relationship like that of a traditional marriage.”

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:24

Marriage is the first institution that God creates.

Three of the Ten Commandments 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: Mal 2:14-16

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

Matthew 19:4-6 – Jesus himself repeats Genesis 2:24, and again confirms God's Design for marriage.

Mark 10:6-9

Jesus' Teaching on Marriage Includes:

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

Marriage Re-Affirmed by Apostle Paul in the New Testament:  
Ephesians 5:25-32

Biblical Marriage Is A Qualification for Christian Leadership: Titus 1:6

Marriage Re-Affirmed by The Apostle Peter: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Marriage Revealed by John in Revelation: Revelation 21:9

## **2. Fruitfulness Of Marriage:** (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. Old & New Testament Homosexuality:**

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); “they must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads” (Leviticus 20:13); “unnatural,” “indecent act,” “perversion” (Romans 1:26-29); will not “inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

1. The Sodom Incident – Gen 19:1-13 Attempted gang rape by the homosexuals of Sodom. The term Sodomy – comes from the city named Sodom

The depravity and destruction of these cities was so momentous that God recalls it: (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)

2. The Levitical Prohibitions – Lev 18:22

Lev 20:13

3. The Gibeah Incident – Judges 19:15-25

4. Homosexual Cult Prostitutes – 1 Kings 14:24

New Testament References:

1. Women and Men Committing Acts Against Nature – Romans 1:26-27
2. Homosexuals Will Not Inherit The Kingdom of God – 1 Co 6:9-10
3. Homosexuality Is contrary to Sound Doctrine – 1 Tim 1:9-10
4. Reference to Sodom and Gomorrah, going after 'strange flesh' – Jude 1:7

### **4. Unfruitfulness Of Homosexuality:**

Is Homosexuality A Harmless Lifestyle? Does The Evidence Match The Portrayal In The Media?

1. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Are At Epidemic Proportions Among Homosexuals.

2. Mortality Rate: heterosexual Males is 75 and Females is 79; homosexual males is 41 yrs. Lesbians is 45 yrs.

3. Homosexuals Have Very Few Long-Term Relationships:

Monogamy – meaning long-term sexual fidelity, is rare in GLB relationships, particularly among gay men. 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.

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

5. 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.

## **5. The Logical Response To Biblical Marriage:** (8 Conclusions)

1. All sex outside of marriage is sinful, whether Heterosexual or Homosexual. Sex in marriage is honorable, sex outside marriage is not – Heb 13:4
2. Marriage is a divine institution, not merely a civil one. Marriage was instituted by God at the beginning – Mt 19:3-4
3. Marriage is for man and woman, who become 'one flesh' (produce offspring) – Mt 19:5
4. One may divorce and remarry, but still commit adultery – Mt 5:31-32; God allows divorce only for fornication, and remarriage by the innocent – Mt 19:9
5. Marriage throughout the Bible is always between a man and woman. Marriage was designed for those created male and female – Mt 19:4
6. There is not one mention regarding same-sex marriage in the Bible.
7. There is no teaching on how same-sex marriages work. (Who is the head? Who is to submit?)
8. In light of God's rejection of the sin of Homosexuality, 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.

Shouldn't Christians love everyone and be tolerant? Christians should indeed love everyone. We should never be tolerant of behavior that is condemned in Scripture or that is physically and socially destructive.

God's words 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, Pedophilia. Jesus Loves And Died For Sin And The Sinner.
3. Need To Pray: Tuesday/Wednesday, March 26-27 For The United States Supreme Court's Hearing The Defense Of Marriage/Prop 8.