

**“What God Says About Marriage”  
Genesis-Revelation  
Sunday October 26, 2008**

**Jeremiah 1:17**

**Isa. 5:20-21**

- 1. Marriage In The Old & New Testament:**
- 2. Marriage And Its Fruit:**
- 3. Homosexuality In The Old & New Testament:**
- 4. Homosexuality, Is It Really Gay?**
- 5. How Should We View Marriage?**

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

*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 (Foundation of Society) reflect directly upon God's Instruction of Marriage/Family:

1. Commandment 5# Ex. 20:12
2. Commandment 7# Ex. 20:14
3. Commandment 10# Ex. 20:17

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

Mark 10:6-8

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 wife, 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 Paul repeats Genesis 1:26

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. Marriage And Its Fruit: (7-Results Of Marriage)**

- Marriage Brings Stability To Society:
- Marriage Brings Profound Human Good, Elevating Social and Sexual Nature:
- Both Men and Women Who Marry are Better Off as a Result:
- Marriage Protects and Promotes the Well-being of Children:
- Marriage Sustains Civil Society and Promotes the Common Good:
- Marriage Is a Wealth-Creating Institution, Increasing Human and Social Capital:
- A Functioning Marriage Serves To Protect Political Liberty and Foster Limited Government:

## **3. Homosexuality In The Old & New Testament:**

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

Old Testament References:

1. The Sodom Incident - Gen 19:1-13
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. Homosexuality, Is It Really Gay?**

How did the term "gay" come to mean "Homosexual"?

Is Homosexuality Really Gay? Is Homosexuality a Harmless Lifestyle? Does The Evidence Match The Portrayal In The Media?

##### **1. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Are At Epidemic Proportions Among Homosexuals:**

- HIV/AIDS: The Centers for Disease Control reports that, as of Dec. 1999, "men who have sex with men" and "men who have sex with men and inject drugs" together accounted for 64% of the cumulative total of male AIDS cases.
- Homosexuals are approximately 5,000 times more likely to contract AIDS.
- 50% Homosexual males are believed to be HIV positive
- Approximately 70 percent of those who have died are homosexuals.
- Thomas E. Schmidt, Straight and Narrow? "It appears that at least 75% of homosexuals are currently carrying one or more pathogens"
- Human Papilloma virus (HPV): According to the homosexual newspaper The Washington Blade, "A San Francisco study of gay and bisexual men revealed that HPV infection was almost universal among HIV-positive men, and that 60% of HIV-negative [homosexual] men carried HPV." [December 8, 2000]

- Hepatitis: The Centers for Disease Control reports, "Outbreaks of Hepatitis "A" among men who have sex with men are a recurring problem in many large cities in the industrialized world." [Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report, Sept. 4, 1998]
- Syphilis: The Archives of Internal Medicine found that homosexuals acquired syphilis at a rate ten times that of heterosexuals. [Issue 151; 1991]
- Gonorrhea, Gay Bowel Syndrome (GBS), and Anal Cancer.
- Every year approximately 10 billion dollars is spent on major STDs other than AIDS and their complications. This cost is shared by all Americans.

2. Mortality Rate: Today 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.

3. Homosexuals Have Very Few Long-Term Relationships:

Homosexuals have high numbers of partners. [A.P. Bell and M.S. Weinberg, *Homosexuality's: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1978)] found:

- 74% of white male homosexuals had had sex with more than 100 partners
- 43% had had sex with 500 or more partners
- 28% had had sex with 1,000 or more sex partners

Thomas Schmidt, *Straight and Narrow?* "Only 8% of homosexual men and 7% of women have ever had a relationship that lasted more than 3 years. Tragically, lifelong faithfulness is almost nonexistent in the homosexual experience."

M. Pollak, *Western Sexuality: Practice and Precept in Past and Present Times*: ". . . few homosexual relationships last longer than two years, with many men reporting hundreds of lifetime partners."

David P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison, *The Male Couple*: Stated all couples with a relationship lasting more than five years have incorporated some provision for outside sexual activity in their relationship." [1984]

#### 4. Domestic Violence:

Gwat Yong Lie and Sabrina Gentlewarrier, "Intimate Violence in Lesbian Relationships," *Journal of Social Service Research*: In a survey of 1,099 lesbians, they found that "slightly more than half of the [lesbians] had experienced violence.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (U.S. Department of Justice) reports that married women in traditional families experience the lowest rate of violence compared with women in other types of relationships. [Nov. 1994]

#### 5. Depression and Suicide:

Thomas Schmidt: *Straight and Narrow?*

- Rate of depression: 40% for male homosexuals; 3% for male heterosexuals.
- Rate of attempted suicide: 18% for male homosexuals; 3% for male heterosexuals.

### **5. How Should We View 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' (Procreation of children) - Mt 19:5

4. One may divorce and remarry, but still commit adultery - Mt 5:31-32 God allows divorce only for fornication, and desertion 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. (Though the practice was known among the Gentiles)
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.

**Application:**

**Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> We need to vote!!!!!!**

**Yes on 8** - Restores Marriage to its traditional God-ordained meaning of a man and one woman.

**Yes on 4** – A parent will be notified 48 hours prior to their minor receiving an abortion.