

"THE UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE"
GENESIS 2:18-25

INTRO: We are facing a situation in America today that would have never been considered an issue in the mind of our founders 239 years ago when our Nation was born. It is a situation we would have never considered 50 years ago or even 25 years ago that **PEOPLE OF THE SAME GENDER SHOULD BE UNITED IN MARRIAGE. BUT WE ARE FACING IT HEAD LONG EVEN AS I SPEAK! THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER PEOPLE OF THE SAME-SEX MAY RECEIVE A LICENSE TO MARRY! BY THE END OF THIS MONTH WE WILL KNOW HOW THE COURT HAS DECIDED!**

SOME OBSERVATIONS

- 1) The Issue:
 - Whether the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution allows Individual States to License Same-Sex Marriage.
 - Whether Individual States that DO NOT ALLOW for Same-Sex Marriage must recognize the Licensing of those who do.
- 2) The Problem:
 - This is an Issue that should NOT even be before the Supreme Court because NO WHERE in the Constitution is the Federal Government given the authority over marriage.
 - The matter of Marriage is beyond the Jurisdiction of the US Supreme Court as it is really a matter for individual states to determine.
- 3) The Reality:
 - Marriage is the **FIRST INSTITUTION OF GOD, GOD OWNS MARRIAGE AND ONLY HE CAN DETERMINE ITS DEFINITION.**
 - The term "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE" is not only ANTI-GOD, ANTI-CHRIST AND ANTI-BIBLE but it is also ANTI-SENSIBLE. **WHY? BECAUSE BY ITS VERY NATURE HUMAN MARRIAGE IMPLIES OPPOSITE SEX UNION NOT SAME SEX UNION.**
- 4) The Concern:
 - Marriage at its very root is at stake:
 - More people are living together without marriage.
 - Divorce is at a very high level.
 - Homosexual marriage is growing.

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I. MARRIAGE FROM THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

- A. The Creation of Marriage
 - Marriage was Created by God - Genesis 1:27,28
- B. The Participants of Marriage
 - Marriage is for Male and Female - Genesis 1:27
 - THE BIBLE REJECTS SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE TOTALLY**
LEVITICUS 18:22; 20:13
- C. The Purpose of Marriage - Genesis 1:28; 2:18-25
 - To be Fruitful and Multiply - Genesis 1:28
 - To provide a "Help-Meet for the Male - Genesis 2:18
- D. The Duration of Marriage - Genesis 2:24
 - For life.
- E. The Symbolism of Marriage - Ephesians 5:22-33
 - To be an earthly illustration of the relationship between Christ and the Church - Ephesians 5:32
- F. The Effect of Marriage - Ephesians 5:32
 - To show the security of Christ and the Church

NOWHERE IN SCRIPTURE IS THERE AN INDICATION OF ANY ALLOWANCE FOR HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE.

ILLUSTRATION: As Christ and Islam are not to be married neither are members of the same gender to be married.

II. MARRIAGE FROM THE WORLD'S PERSPECTIVE

- A. The Creation of Marriage (No scriptural consideration)
 - To guarantee that a man's children were truly his biological heirs.
 - To guarantee that a woman became a man's property.
- B. The Participants of Marriage (No biblical understanding)
 - Man with Man.
 - Woman with Woman.
 - Human with Animal
- C. The Purpose of Marriage (Humanistic not biblical)
 - For selfish gain
- D. The Duration of Marriage (No biblical guide)
 - Until one wants it to end.
- E. The Symbolism of Marriage (Secular)

-None in reality

F. The Effect of Marriage (Demonic)

-To show the philosophy of Satan and the World System

NOWHERE IN THE WORLD'S PERSPECTIVE OF MARRIAGE IS THERE ANY ROOM FOR GOD AND THE BIBLE.

ILLUSTRATION:

THE CHALLENGE OF MARRIAGE FOR THE CHRISTIAN

- 1) To Support, Teach and Promote the Biblical Perspective of Marriage
- 2) To Reject the World Perspective of Marriage
- 3) To Pray for the Biblical Perspective of Marriage
 - a) That people will marry unless one is "CALLED" to be single for the sake of ministry.
 - b) That society, starting with the Church, will support HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE ONLY.
 - c) That the United States Supreme Court will vote to support the Biblical Perspective of Marriage only.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT LEGALIZES SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE?

ANSWER: REMEMBER SODOM AND GOMORRAH!

-GENESIS 18,19

LESSON: This is NOT the time for Christians to set back and watch! It is the time to EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH!