

The Doctrine of Marriage *vis a vis* Obstacles to a Godly Marriage

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IV. Sinful man's advising God about Marriage.

B. Polygamy

C. Homosexuality

Genesis 2:24 (KJV)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Matthew 19:5-6 (KJV)

And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

But...

Genesis 30

The twelve tribes of Israel are the descendants of the twelve sons of Jacob through his two wives, Rachel and Leah, as well as their handmaidens, Bilhah and Zilpah.

Homosexuality

see Mt. 19 passage above.

Leviticus 18:22-24 (KJV)

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. ²³Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. ²⁴Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

Romans 1:21-28 (KJV)

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man... ²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. ²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Institution: Lifelong union of one man and one woman...

Does the example of the Patriarchs and Kings in the OT give God's Sanctions to polygamy? What are we to make of this and how are we to apply this to the NT Church?

Was the Jew's concept of Marriage similar to that of the pagans? What's indicated by the acceptance of homosexuality in our culture?

Why are sinners not sound in their thinking?

Self-wise they do not hold God's glory but esteem creatures as prime (eternal, all knowing, all powerful).

Lacking wisdom; lust and appetites are supreme.

Vile affections (lusts for unnatural things) is God's curse on them.

Homosexuality is against God, mankind (reproduction), and nature (there is a use for sex according to its nature...not lust and vile affections, but sex leads to reproduction).