

Marriage: The Foundation of Civilization

Genesis 2: Romans 1:

Introduction

Canary in the coal mine
Watch marriages and the home...

The Foundation of Civilization

Genesis 2:20-25

Helper: one who brings aid, one who join another and supplies what is lacking.

Exodus 18:4 ... for *he* said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"

Comparable: in front of you, face to face, in your view and purpose.

Matthew Henry: "*She was not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.*"

Woman: The exact same and total opposite. (Woman)

Open Book Test

- **Who's idea was it to create man?**
- **Who's idea was it to create woman?**
- **Who's idea was it to bring the two together?**

Notice, Adam did not pick between a man or woman.

Notice, Adam did not hunt down his bride.

Notice, marriage & family, from conception to creation was God's idea & doing.

- If God came up with it, and if God did it, then we don't get to redefine it.
- **Notice also, next to knowing God, it is the first relationship established and as it would be, is the foundation for all civilizations.**

(1) Know God (2) Work for what you have (3) Be faithful to your marriage & home

What happens when you don't?

Civilizations that compromise are compromised

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In the 1930s, British anthropologist J.D. Unwin studied 86 cultures that stretched across 5,000 years of human history. He found, without exception, when they restricted sex to marriage, they thrived.

Strong families headed by faithful spouses made for bold, prosperous societies. But not one culture survived more than three generations after turning sexually permissive.

Pitirim Sorokin, a noted Harvard sociologist, found no culture surviving once it ceased to support marriage and monogamy (intimacy between a husband and wife.) None.

PRINT OUT #1

Children that do not have both a mother and a father

- *7 times more likely to live in poverty*
- *6 times more likely to commit suicide*
- *More than twice as likely to commit a crime*
- *More than twice as likely to become pregnant out of wedlock*
- *Worse off academically*
- *Worse off socially and emotionally when they reach adulthood.*

Current stats on kids without a balanced home

- *70% of America's long term prison inmates*
- *71% of America's teen pregnancies*
- *71% of America's High School dropouts*
- *85% of America's Youth Prisoners*
- *90% of America's runaways*

Misconceptions of our day (Regarding Same Sex Marriage)

- **The Bible says it's ok** – no it does not
- **Your feelings matter**
 - In the sense of counseling, sure. In the sense of decision-making and getting what you want, no.
 - pedophiles say the same thing.
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- **Jesus never said anything about it?**
 - Don't need to say what it isn't if I say what it is

If I say to enter through the east doorway, I do not need to tell you all of the doorways not to enter.

If I say that the movie starts at 6:30pm I do not need to tell you all the times it does not start.

Matthew 19:4-5 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘*made them male and female,*’ “and said, ‘*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’?”

Signs of the times

Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to *those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*

2 Timothy 3:4b ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Not only will the culture say that good things are bad but they will do bad things like they are good.

Romans 1:21-22 & 24-28

Progression of a fallen society

- No glory to God
- No gratitude to God
- Result: *futile in their thoughts and so... foolish hearts were darkened.*
Professing to be wise (Gnostics) became fools.

God gave them up to uncleanness:

Genesis 6:3a And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever

Look at the results: dishonor their bodies among themselves

YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH! (Exchange)

“I am for homosexuals, but not for homosexuality”

IS IT HATEFUL TO OPPOSE THE LGBTG+ STANCE?

Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

Hebrews 11:25b ...the passing pleasures of sin.

Looking at Romans 1, is it hateful to hate homosexuals? YES!

Looking at Romans 1, Is it hateful to oppose homosexuality, NO!!!

The most concerning part... “receiving in themselves the penalty of their error”

Kirk Durston: Why Sexual Morality May be Far More Important than You Ever Thought
One winter afternoon I was relaxing with a half-dozen fellow graduate philosophy students discussing theories of law and punishment. About an hour into the discussion, it occurred to me that some moral laws might limit pleasure and enjoyment in the short term but in the long term minimize suffering and maximize human fulfillment.

Like driving under the influence.

Physical Well Being & Quality of Life

- More than 82% of AIDS is from homosexual lifestyles.
- More than twice as likely to contract certain types of cancers.

May 23, 2022 CNBC put out an article quoting the CDC.

“Dr. John Brooks, a CDC official, said that anyone can contract monkeypox through close personal contact regardless of sexual orientation. HOWEVER, many of the people affected globally so far are men who identify as gay or bisexual.”

Depression and suicide

An article put out by Healthline quotes the findings of a medical study looking at suicide rates within the population of youth.

- 6% of straight or heterosexual youth are likely to attempt suicide.
- 23% of youth who identify as homosexual or as part of the LGBTQ community will attempt suicide.
- (6 in 100 vs. 23 in 100) 400% increase.

On average, engaging in an LGBTQ lifestyle shortens your life anywhere from 8 to 20 years.

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

I am so for you, I will oppose you and let you know when you are going in the wrong direction.

The Bigger Picture

NOT THAT HOMOSEXUALITY DESTROYS CIVILIZATION...

Homosexuality – a precursor to a society that is near it’s collapse...

A civilization that embraces it has turned its back on Natural and Biblical marriage -*exchanged*

The progression of a fallen society

HEROS Printout #2

The final step a society takes into godlessness is the embracing of homosexuality.

“family and civilization” Printout #3

by Harvard Professor Carle C. Zimmerman, published in 1947

“It is a civilization that has lost reverence for high morals and has allowed a sweeping lack of self-control and even worse, now encourages it.”

- No reverence for holy things
- No self-control against the wanting of the flesh. (If you want something you should have it.)

If this happens in one area it will happen in all areas. Lawlessness will abound, anarchy will ensue, and the love of many will grow cold.

On June 26th, 2015 Justice Anthony Kennedy – sealed the direction of American Civilization. Obergefell vs. Hodges which legalized same-sex marriage across the nation.

2015 A warning was issued that if same-sex marriage is adopted, the claim that “every child needs a father and a mother” will probably be viewed as divisive and discriminatory, possibly even as hate speech.” - The church is the source of hate...

Canada and Sweden already restrict speech against homosexuality to the point that even pastors have been jailed for quoting Bible verses. In the United States, the Democratic Party continually puts forth “hate-crime” legislation which will lead to the same result.

RESPECT MARRIAGE ACT! (It's going to wake Mormons up)

Tuesday, December 13th President Biden signed into law the Respect for marriage act which overturns the 1996 Defense of marriage act.

The act would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996, which defined “marriage” as between a man and a woman and “spouse” as “only a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife.”

PBS NEWS HOUR (Report)

The Respect for Marriage Act would recognize marriage between two individuals regardless of their “sex, **race**, **ethnicity**, or national origin.”

GLAAD spokesperson **Angela Dallara** said in an email to the PBS NewsHour.

“All legally married couples, including same-sex couples **and interracial couples**, should have the protections that marriage allows,”

It would also allow the attorney general or any person who is **harmed** by a violation of the bill to take up civil action.

National LGBTQ Task Force Policy Director Liz Seaton, added, however, that many states would likely face tremendous pressure not to enforce their LGBTQ+ marriage bans.

Liz Seaton: “Because there’s old laws on the books doesn’t mean that the state necessarily has to do anything with them.”

We have science, physiology, sociology, biology, and anthropology all supporting that God’s design for marriage is the best version of marriage and the necessary foundation for a thriving civilization. But that really doesn’t matter.

Before any facts were known, studies done, or statistics analyzed...

God's Word said... *"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 'and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"*

NOW WHAT?

So what do we do... same thing the church has been doing for 2,000 years.

1. Draw near to the Lord
2. Speak the truth in love

- **Draw near to the Lord - Be confident in the Lord**

- Peace and then power
- My peace I give you... Guard your hearts and minds
- Sealed until the day of redemption
- Submit to God, resist the Devil
- The gates of hell will not prevail...
- They will deliver you up to powers and authorities, I will give you what to say.

- **Speak the Truth in Love**

Those who saved people while the titanic sank

The nation is the people of the nation and so is saved by the Salvation of people.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life, and he who wins souls *is* wise.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Your faith can take a lot... let it.

Romans 13:11-12 And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **Let us walk properly**, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Just like Eve came from the side of Adam

The church came from the side of Christ... it was finished and so the relationship was new!
(Eph 5 – I tell you a mystery... marriage reflects Jesus and the church)