

## Articles of Faith Lesson 21: “*Marriage And Human Sexuality*” Part

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#### **XXI. Marriage and Human Sexuality**

##### **Section I: Marriage**

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning, and that is the union sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, covenantal union, as delineated in the Holy Scriptures and witnessed by thousands of years of human history. No other unions of men or women outside of this definition will be recognized by Lighthouse Baptist Church and its affiliated ministries and missions, and the facilities of Lighthouse Baptist Church and its affiliated ministries and missions shall never be used for the recognition, performance, or celebration of such other unions.

**Genesis 1:27-28** – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**Genesis 2:23-24** –nd Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. <sup>24</sup>Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**Hebrews 13:4** – Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

##### **Section II: Human Sexuality**

We believe that sexual intimacy is a gift from God, intended to only occur between a man and woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexual conduct, bisexual conduct, lesbianism, bestiality, incest, any use of pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that all sinful behavior can be forgiven by God, who offers redemption, and restoration to all who confess their sin, repent of their behavior. and seek His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We further believe that every person must be afforded compassion. love, kindness, and respect, as we seek to practice our faith and beliefs.

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**Genesis 2:18-25** - And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. <sup>19</sup>And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. <sup>20</sup>And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: <sup>22</sup>And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man <sup>23</sup>And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. <sup>24</sup>Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

**Exodus 20:14** – Thou shalt not commit adultery.

### **Leviticus 18:1-30**

**Matthew 5:27-28** – Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. <sup>28</sup>But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

**Matthew 19:4-6** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

**Romans 1:26-27** – And for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup>And 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 recompense of their error which was meet.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-20** – Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup>Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. <sup>12</sup> All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. <sup>13</sup> Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. <sup>15</sup>Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid. <sup>16</sup>What? Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? The two, saith he, shall be one flesh. <sup>17</sup>But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. <sup>18</sup>Flee fornication. Every sin that a man

doeth is a without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. <sup>19</sup>What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Ephesians 5:22-24** – Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.


**Ephesians 5:25-28** - Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; <sup>26</sup>That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

**Hebrews 13:4** – Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.


**Ephesians 5:3** – But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

## **I. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE? What DOES THE BIBLE SAY about Marriage? Text: Gen. 1:26-27, 31, 2:18-25**


### **1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN & HOLY! GOD IS IMMUTABLE! ETERNAL! CREATOR OF ALL! I Pet. 1:15-16!**

 On Is. 45:5-6,18-25; Jer. 10:10; Phil. 2:9-11 – GOD IS CREATOR! CONTINUANCE! & CONSUMMATION OF EVERYTHING!


### **2. A Holy GOD ESTABLISHED Holy STANDARDS FOR HIS GLORY AND OUR GOOD! II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:19-21;**

 Ps. 119:89; 105; 130; Ps. 119:142; Matt. 24:35;

 I Pet. 1:25 “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

 GOD IS IMMUTABLE! Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8 - “BUT THIS IS 20\_\_” –

 An ALMIGHTY GOD SETS AS CREATOR! JUDGE! LAWGIVER! & SAVIOR! Js. 4:12


 I know what the Bible says, BUT...” - Rom. 3:4 “God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”


 God established 3 primary institutions for the good and welfare of humanity:

 **1. Institution of Marriage/Family – Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:3-9**

 **2. Institution of Government – Genesis 9:6-7, Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-17**

 **3. Institution of Church – Matthew 16:18 (& throughout New Testament)**

 **We May not like God’s Standards, but we do have to obey them! John 17:17; We will be judged according to our obedience to them! JOHN 12:48; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 24:35 - MARRIAGE.**

 **God’s Design: 1 Man + 1 Woman = 1 Lifetime. Period. This is God’s Standard. This is God’s Ideal. This will honor the LORD, prosper humanity, and further peace and blessing on the earth.**


 **Marriage rests on these fundamental pillars of the Biblical Revelation:**

**1. Humanity was Created In God’s Image. We Were Created In The Image & Likeness of God!**

 **Gen. 1:26-27 - God MADE US: MALE & FEMALE. GOD WAS NOT CONFUSED.**


 **We Reflect the Character and nature of God. Gen. 5:1-2; 1:31 -**

**2. Marriage was Created & Defined By God! The Covenant of Marriage is A Divine Institution.**

 **Marriage is by God’s Design. GOD CREATED & DEFINED MARRIAGE! Genesis 1-2. A divine institution that God created before the Fall. Marriage was God’s first created institution (Gen. 1-2). IT IS THEREFORE THE PRIMARY DIVINE INSTITUTION. ALL THE OTHER DIVINE INSTITUTIONS ARE BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE! (example: society, state, law, politics, economy, etc.).**


**3. The Blessing of Marriage: Gen. 2:18-**

 **Cure For Humanity’s Loneliness: Opposite Sex. Man’s Loneliness: Woman! & Vice Versa.**

 **Completion. Gen. 2:18 - WO-MAN! Gen. 2:18 - Not good for man to be alone. CURE? God did not create man to be alone.**

 **Companionship. To Cure Loneliness. I Cor. 7:1-5, 9**

 **Complement. Help-meet – a helper suitable for him.**

 **Not good for man to be alone. CURE? God did not create man to be alone, but rather to have a “help meet for him.” Gen. 2:18 - A helper suitable for him. To stand side by side with him in loving and serving God, as well as reigning as His coregents – Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25; I Cor. 11:3, 7-9, 11-12. Monogamy.**

- ✚ Man – Ish of the earth. Woman – Ish’ah – of the man – soft. Feminine.
- ✚ Strengths and giftings to fulfill and complement each other. God made Men and Women different and in the covenant of a God-honoring marriage they find fulfillment.
- ✚ **Correspond. Gen. 2:19-23.** No animal would correspond to Adam. Unlike the Animals or any of the rest of Creation.
- ✚ **Children. Gen. 4:1; Mal. 2:15** - Covenant. Through the Covenant and Consummation of Marriage: Children.
- ✚ The divine institution of marriage is one of God’s richest blessings (Gen. 1:28)

#### **4. The Covenant of Marriage! Not just a commitment, but a covenant before GOD!**

- ✚ **Marriage IS More than a piece of paper! A covenant both for the man (Mal. 2:14) and for the woman (Prov. 2:17).**

#### ✚ **The Covenant of Marriage was 5-fold: \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:18-25; Gen. 1:28):**

##### ✚ **1.The Covenant of Marriage is: Exclusive.**

- ✚ **An Exclusive Commitment. Gen. 2:24 – leaving father and mother.**

##### ✚ **2. The Covenant of Marriage is: Permanent.**

- ✚ **A Permanent Commitment: Gen. 2:24 – united to his wife.**

##### ✚ **3. The Covenant of Marriage is: Intimate.**

- ✚ **An Intimate Commitment – Gen. 2:24 – Becoming one flesh. Deut. 24:5; Prov; 5:15-19; Song of Solomon; I Cor. 6:16-7:5; Eph. 5:31)**

##### ✚ **4. The Covenant of Marriage is: Transparent.**

- ✚ **A Transparent Commitment – Gen. 2:25 – Naked and no shame.**

##### ✚ **5. The Covenant of Marriage is: Procreative.**

- ✚ **A Procreative Commitment – Gen. 1:28; 9:1, 7 – to be fruitful and increase in number filling the earth and subduing it.**

- ✚ Although marital vows vary from culture to culture, nevertheless some kind of marital covenant of companionship has been and is still the societal norm. No society can last without it.

#### **5. The Confirmation of Marriage in the NT. Jesus Christ, Son of God & His Divinely Chosen Apostles.**

Some argue, “But Jesus never spoke against Homosexuality, could he have been for gay marriage?” – Jesus never spoke against RAPE OR PEDOPHILIA, ARE YOU GOING TO ARGUE THAT?? – Jesus didn’t Mince Words. He confirmed what has always been the True Standard! MAL. 3:6 – John 1:1-3 – GOD THE SON WAS THERE CREATING, DECLARING AND CONFIRMING IN NT! NO WHERE DOES JESUS EVER GIVE ANY INKLING OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE FOR MARRIAGE: A MONOGAMOUS, COVENANT BETWEEN 1 MAN & 1 WOMAN FOR 1 LIFETIME!

Jesus Christ, 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Trinity confirmed this Sacred view of marriage. HOW?

HE CREATED ALL THINGS!

THERE IS NO CONFLICT IN THE GODHEAD TRINITY! WE MAY BE CONFUSED, THEY ARE NOT. PERIOD.

By His Honored presence at a wedding where He performed His first miracle John 2:1-11.

By His sacred teachings on marriage: Matt. 5:27-32; Matt. 19:3-12; Matt. 22:23-33.

John Stott summarizes the 3 truths that Jesus affirmed concerning heterosexuality:

1. Heterosexual gender is a divine creation. Matt. 19:4
2. Heterosexual marriage is a divine institution. Matt. 19:6
3. Heterosexual fidelity is the divine intention. Matt. 19:6

Also: in the same manner, the Divinely Chosen Apostles confirmed God’s Design for Marriage:

Paul – Author of Hebrews – James – Peter – John – Jude...

As God states the standard, all other distortions and abuses of the standard and all non-marital sexual acts are rejected as immoral. (Gen. 2:25; Deut. 22:28-29; Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 6:9-11)

**6. Marriage Pictures Christ & His Bride.** Eph. 5:22-33. IN IT’S TRUEST SENSE IT PATTERNS THE GOSPEL! THAT CHRIST CAME TO TAKE A BRIDE FOR HIMSELF: THE CHURCH IS HIS BRIDE!