

## God Honoring Marriage 2021-07-11

*Hebrews 13:4*

*Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

Divorce, increase in acceptance of LGBT, adultery, lifelong fidelity to one spouse is foolish, ANYTHING goes sexually (you be you), widespread prostitution, all that matters is love.

- If not believe/accept then you're bigot, hateful, narrow, unloving.
  - Describes today, 1960's, Hebrew culture. *Ecclesiastes 1:9, Isaiah 5:20 Romans 1:32, Judges 21:25*
    - without absolutes, everyone defines right/wrong for self/others.

Marriage is not a social invention but divine institution given by God to man.

- Before any sin, God create genders/marriage. *Genesis 2:18, 22, 24, Matthew 19:4-6*
- God has right/authority to define marriage as one biological woman with/for one biological man (not many women and not a man) in permanent sacred fidelity until death.
  - Marriage is a picture of relationship of Jesus Christ to church (bride).  
Ephesians 5:22-33
    - Can't honor marriage and redefine it. *Hebrews 13:4a, 1 Peter 1:18-9, 2 Peter 1:4*

Dishonor marriage: embracing culture's no-fault divorce practices. Matthew 19:8, Malachai 2:16

- God hates divorce but tolerates under certain conditions...reflects hard heart
- marrying unbeliever...marriage picture of Jesus Christ/church. *2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:39*
  - "peace" not from God because this sin. U/kids suffer consequences
    - Remain married to unbeliever if possible. 1 Corinthians 7:12-16,
- Adultery is sex with non-spouse. Defile marriage bed (sex in marriage). *Hebrews 13:4b&c*

Gay "marriage" has no biblical basis in spite of attempts to justify.

- Nothing to do with partisan politics. Marriage existed before governments
  - Scripture is NOT misinterpreted. *Romans 1:26-27; 3:23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*
    - Love the sinner but hate all sin...no matter the cost....testimony

Sexually immoral= porneia, porn, sexual sin. *Hebrews 13:4*

- Includes hetero sex before marriage, all other sexual preferences anytime.  
Leviticus 18

- Not practice biblical love if not proclaim God's holy standards of sexual purity and warn about dangers of ALL sexual sin.
  - Not unpardonable but surely judge/discipline/consequences.

All hold marriage precious, of great value....including never married, single, divorced.

- support Biblical design of marriage be committed to purity, never facilitate or encourage immorality in any way, be careful how relate to opposite sex/married.

Married honor marriage: function with Biblical structure of marriage....husband head and wife loving submission. 1 Corinthians 11:3, 1 Peter 3:5, Ephesians 5:22-25, 28, 31-33

- Remain faithful in thought, attitude, words, action.
  - give not take attitude, words of respect/esteem, stay committed to spouse and work through difficulties, treasure God-given mates as gift of great value, delight in spouse and ENJOY SEX.
- sex in marriage is not dirty but beautiful and purposeful.
  - love, mutual sensitivity, caring, respect is foundation to enjoyment of sex.

Our culture in moral darkness. When darkness greatest, light shines brightest.

- Witness to depth of God's love by keeping marriage God honoring. HELP!!
  - By God's grace pursue a God glorifying marriage relationship that illustrates relationship of Jesus Christ with Christians, filled with love, trust, devotion, faithfulness.