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MARRIAGE

People believe that the best way to show their love for God is by keeping the Commandments, which is a good thing. Most of the Commandments use the negative but lend themselves to the positive. Not take His name in vain, demands the positive like praising Him, calling Him the Creator and Our Father. The New Covenant prefers the positive aspects as many know. Not killing (preferably, murdering) has the opposite of giving things for life: having children, growing food, helping the starving, assisting those in immediate need from an accident or illness. Not committing adultery gives us the positive of keeping marriage as the Godly way of having husband-wife sexual relationships and giving life to children through the process of childbearing and after birth upbringing.

The problems resulting from ignoring marriage, which God created in the creation of man and woman, we see what happened to people who refuse to marry whether on a whim or from perceived licentious feelings opposing marriage. During the time of Abraham, Lot went his way to a town called Sodom, from which we get sodomize, was as innovative sensuously as any place; so God destroyed them.

History shows that people who have licentious orientations tend to decline substantially, if not become destroyed. Rome, at its height, had a powerful family, the father a soldier, head of house, priest, and provider. As the family declined so did the great empire and eventually all was gone except various tiny states scatter throughout Italy. Examples like this proliferate from Sodom on. God created people male and female, which through marriage brings joy and various forms of prosperity. Otherwise, people receive the curses of trying to live outside the human nature created by God.

Some verses in Genesis after Adam's disobedience and the resulting decline in morality may indicate a measure of sensuous perversions. That and various other demonic worshiping led to God's needing to destroy all but Noah's family; he built the ark to float them away from the miscreants.

God brought Noah out of the flood to become the head of all the rulers, which he acceded to. Thereafter, the covenant God made with him continued with all his descendants including the prohibition of sexual immorality. When rulers allow the Noahide Laws to be broken, God can intervene as He did with Sodom, use "natural catastrophes" even drought, earthquakes and volcanoes, internal catastrophes, like crime, or allow other countries to invade and punish.

Marriage began at the creation.

Gen. 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 5:2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

Gen. 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

Gen. 2:22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Gen. 2:23 The man 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."

God explains why a man and a woman must become husband and wife in marriage. They were one flesh in the formation of Adam; then God removed a part of Adam to form Eve. Thereafter, the one who became two become one again in marriage when each child is born.

Gen. 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Lev. 21:13 'He shall take a wife in her virginity.

Prov. 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing. And obtains favor from the LORD.

Prov. 19:14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

God wants many people to populate the Earth over the years so many of His Children will have eternal life with Him. Of course, the planet will not be like this one now with broken Commandments, wars, rumors of war, murder, stealing and the like. The people and the planet will have God's Way of life within.

Jer. 29:6 'Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

Jesus indeed promulgated marriage between male and female. Even so most have Jesus being a demigod from a spirit being and a female impregnated by it. Many other verses talk about people being male and female.

Matt. 19:4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

Mark 10:6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

Lev. 12:7 'Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, whether a male or a female.

Deut. 12:18 "But you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the

LORD your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all your undertakings.

Ex. 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

The root meaning of adultery is pollute, corrupt. While the usual meaning of adultery means extramarital affairs, other forms of sexuality contaminate marriage.

The relationship between a husband and wife resemble the love Jesus had for the Church, so much love that he was willing to die for sinners. Aside from the love of Our Father in heaven, there is no greater love than a husband for his wife and a wife for her husband.

Eph. 5:25 ¶ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Eph. 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Eph. 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Marriage love also resembles a love a person has for himself (herself) because the two become one.

Eph. 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

Eph. 5:29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

Eph. 5:30 because we are members of His body.

Eph. 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

God really loves marriage and despises all else.

Jer. 5:7 ¶ “Why should I pardon you? Your sons have forsaken Me And sworn by those who are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, They committed adultery And trooped to the harlot’s house.

Jer. 23:10 For the land is full of adulterers; For the land mourns because of the curse. The pastures of the wilderness have dried up. Their course also is evil And their might is not right.

Matt. 19:9 “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

Several scriptures show God’s love for marriage by condemning all other ways.

Deut. 22:5 ¶ “A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Gen. 19:5 and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.”

Gen. 19:6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

Gen. 19:7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

Judg. 19:22 ¶ While they were celebrating, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have relations with him.”

Judg. 19:23 Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not commit this act of folly.

God created people male and female; He did not create any thing else.

1Cor. 6:9 ¶ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

Lev. 18:20 ‘You shall not have intercourse with your neighbor’s wife, to be defiled with her.

Lev. 18:21 ‘You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

Lev. 18:22 ‘You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

Lev. 20:10 ¶ ‘If there is a man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, one who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Lev. 20:13 ‘If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

1Kings 14:24 There were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

A temple prostitute defined:—cult(3), male cult prostitutes(2), prostitute(5), prostitutes(2), sodomites(1), temple(4)

1Kings 22:46 The remnant of the sodomites who remained in the days of his father Asa, he expelled from the land.

ORIGIN Middle English : from medieval Latin sodomia, from late Latin peccatum

Sodomiticum ‘sin of Sodom’ (after Gen. 19:5, which implies that the men of Sodom practiced homosexual rape) (see Sodom).

God created humans as male and female; that is the way it is. Whenever people misuse a creation, they harm the creation. If an airplane flies too slowly, it will stall and fall out of the sky because God created lift and gravity, flying and falling. If a person strips a screw, it will not hold because it was not “created” to be stripped. Examples abound about using things they way they were “created.” God’s Word says natural versus unnatural.

Rom. 1:26 ¶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

Rom. 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

1Cor. 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Cor. 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Eph. 5:5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral [fornicator] or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

1Tim. 1:10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,

Homosexual defined: 733a. arsenokoites; from 733b and 2845; a sodomite: — homosexuals(2).

Eph. 4:19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity [174 aÓkaqarsi=a, akatharsia, n. impurity, a state of moral filthiness, especially in relation to sexual sin] with greediness.

1Th. 4:7 For God did not call us to be impure [174 above], but to live a holy life.

The writers of the Epistles further expound the natural relationship in marriage and note that those who do not know, or do not want to know, God’s creation will not feel bound by His natural laws.

1Cor. 7:2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

1Cor. 7:3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

1Th. 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from

sexual immorality;

1Th. 4:4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

1Th. 4:5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Gal. 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Gal. 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

Gal. 5:21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Just like the stalled aircraft ends up a wreck with death of the pilot, those who follow the unnatural, unfortunately and very sadly end up like the poor pilot -- their regrettable and injudicious choice of not following God's Laws.

Instead let them forsake their unnatural desires and replace them with the natural, God created Laws.

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Gen. 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

1Cor. 11:11 However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

1Cor. 11:12 For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.

Heb. 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Conclusion

Marriage has its higher meaning of the relationship with believers and Christ.

Eph. 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

Eph. 5:29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

Eph. 5:30 because we are members of His body.

Eph. 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

Eph. 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.