

Gen 1:26-28, Mt 19:3-6

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"Distinctiveness of Marriage & Gender

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1. Introduction

a. Distinctive: unique, different
from other things

b. Gender: Male or female

c. Marriage: making a family
- What is marriage?

* Biblical: male in union with
female creating new family
which often includes bringing
children into world

* legal: what society sees
as a legal union

* social: informal union
without legal protections
often with children

- What are children in family

* biological: giving birth to
child

* adopted: legal declaration
of parent & child not related
by biology

d. Which is the Bible book of "Beginnings"

a. Genesis

- first book in Bible

- written by Moses

- God creates the physical
universe and 2 humans

b. God gave humankind to have
dominion (authority) over land,
sea, & air

c. To have children, it takes
biological male & biological woman
to create child in mother's uterus

2. World society fighting against Biblical things

a. Bible shows Satan & his demons
attempt to control human society

- kingdom of darkness try to
influence people & their ideas

2b. Some ideas out of kingdom of (2)
darkness - Eph 5:3-6

- pornography
- child abuse
- confusion
- murder
- sexual abuse
- violence
- torture
- pedophilia
- thievery

c. Rom 1:21-27 progression of human heart into deeper depths of sin

- Leaves (forsakes) God out of thinking
 - * deny God's existence/power
 - * doubts God in many ways
- human worships creation/creatures/
human imagination
- humans moves into immoral behavior
 - * person follows evil lusts of their heart (inner being)
 - * common sexual sins: fornication & adultery
 - * lessons from history & society
 - x every society & culture recognizes a marriage by their own social customs
- God calls some sexual sins as vile affections (passions/lusts) * homosexual * lesbian
- God gave these people to a reprobated (debased) mind

3. World society fights against God

a. Bible shows works of the flesh (evil lusts)

- Gal 5:19-21 sexual sins, violence of hatreds & anger, murders, party animal lifestyle, things listed in 10 Commandments
- humans recognize these things as evil

b. Defilement & evil come from within a person

- Mt 15:18-19 murders, thefts, false witness, fornications, adulteries (cheating), blasphemies

4. World society fighting against marriage, but God says
 - a. Gen 2:18 Not good for man to live alone
 - humans are social creatures
 - b. Eph 5:31-33 Marriage union, one flesh, loving & respecting spouse
5. Steps to live in Christ's likeness
 - a. Live in Christ's control - 1 Cor 9:27
 - b. Live in Bible assigned roles - Eph 6:
 - c. Love your spouse Eph 5:25
 - d. Guard (protect) against world - 1 Jn 2:16
 - e. Turn to Jesus - Act 4:12
6. Understand God's structure for living
 - a. Followers of Christ walking in love - Eph 5:1-2
 - b. Prove what is acceptable to the Lord
 - Gal 5:8-13
 - * Walk (live as) children of light
 - * Reprove (speak against) unfruitful works of darkness
 - * shameful to speak of evil done in secret
 - * but expose those evil sins
 - x reveal them (for justice)
 - x made manifest (reveal them)
7. Understand God's structure in marriage
 - a. Mt 19:4-6
 - in the beginning God created male & female (single man & single woman)
 - marriage is man leaving his father & mother (previous family) & cleave (glue himself) to his wife, & the two shall be one flesh (new family)
 - God has joined husband & wife in marriage
 - do not allow humans divide (asunder)

b. Social questions about God's structure of marriage (4)

- polygamy: 1 man married to many wives
- polyandry: 1 woman married to several men
- Two husbands: found in homosexual community
- Two wives: found in lesbian community

c. Social questions about gender

- gender: older definition of either male or female
- push to redefine male & female
- ancient practice of turning boys/men into eunuchs (men without functioning male parts)
- transgender: involves gender identity (who am I?)
 - * today first includes sex hormones before sex reassignment surgery
 - * man wanting to become "woman"
 - * woman wanting to become man

d. Social questions about sexual orientation

- "gay"/homosexual: men with men
- lesbian: woman with woman
- bisexual: private intimate acts with both men & women

8. God's view of eunuchs & homosexuality

a. Some people are eunuchs

- Mt 19:12
 - * some born unable to have children
 - * some made eunuchs by men through force & violence
 - * some became functioning eunuchs by celibacy-volunteer

b. Sinners can be made clean

- 1 Cor 6:9-11
 - * fornicators * adulterers
 - * homosexuals * extortioners
 - * thieves
- such were some of the Corinthians
- but now washed & justified by God