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SUBJECT: What The Bible Says About Same Sex Marriage.

READING: **Gen 2:18-25** *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. (19) 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. (20) 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 an help meet for him. (21) 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; (22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. (23) 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. (24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Mat 19:1-12 *And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan; (2) And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there. (3) The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? (4) And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, (5) 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? (6) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (7) They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? (8) He saith unto them, Moses because of the*

hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. (9) And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (10) His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. (11) But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. (12) For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

Introduction:

Listen Carefully and I will tell you what the Bible Says About Same Sex Marriage! “Silence”

Marriage and two people of the same sex is not mentioned at all in the bible! Marriage is given a lot of ink! Sex is Given a lot of ink! But marriage between two people of the same sex is scielent!

Intro:

In **2012**, voters in North Carolina approved *The Marriage Protection Amendment* by slightly over 61%. The results were meant that in North Carolina *“Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts.”*

This Escalated legal challenges to the federal Defense of Marriage Act eventually sent the matter to the supreme court of the United

States where it [ruled by a 5-to-4 vote](#) that the Constitution guarantees a right to [same-sex marriage](#).

Writing for the majority Anthony M. Kennedy wrote; “*No longer may this liberty be denied,*” “*No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were.*” Marriage is a “keystone of our social order,” Justice Kennedy said, adding that the plaintiffs in the case were seeking “equal dignity in the eyes of the law.”

The Genesis passage we have read today describe the world’s first family. In that scripture, God brings together and man and a woman and unites them in marriage. The Matthew passage we have read speaks to God’s design of, and government is, marriage.

The Supreme Court has declared itself the defining authority on marriage and is in lock step with the radical homosexual community! It has in its decision made any opposition to the homosexual lifestyle and same-sex marriage illegal.

It has forced Bible believing Christians to break the law of the land in order to obey God! The decision of true Christ followers is a clear one; [Act 5:28-29](#) **Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. (29) Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.****

I want to speak to you this evening about *A Biblical Examination Of Same-Sex Marriage*. *Lets consider what the Bible says about the institution of marriage and the abomination of homosexuality.*

I. A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE

a. A BIBLICAL SURVEY OF MARRIAGE

i. What Jesus Taught About Marriage

1. Marriage was instituted by God at the beginning.

Mat 19:3-4 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? (4) And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,**

2. Marriage was designed for those created male and female - **Matt. 19:4.**
3. Marriage is for man and wife, who become “*one flesh*,” in the eyes of God - **Matt. 19:5.**

Mat 19:5 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?**

4. Marriage is a union that God joins, not the state - **Matt. 19:6.**

Mat 19:6 **Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

5. People and the state may try to end a marriage, but only God can begin or end a marriage –

Mat 19:6-9 **Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (7) They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? (8) He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives:**

but from the beginning it was not so. (9) And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

6. One may divorce and remarry, yet still commit adultery - **Matt. 5:31-32.**

Mat 5:31-32. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: (32) But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

7. God allows divorce only for fornication, unrepentant sexual sin, and remarriage by the innocent spouse –

Mat 19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

b. What The Apostles Taught About Marriage

- i. Sex inside the marriage relationship is honorable; sex outside the marriage relationship is not - **Heb. 13:4.**
⁴ Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
- ii. To avoid the sin of fornication, sexual fulfillment must be found within the

framework of the marriage union - **1 Cor. 7:1-2**; ¹ Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is good for a man not to touch a woman.*

² Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

- iii. All other discussions pertaining to marriage describe the marriage relationship as existing between a man and a woman! **PERIOD!** - **1 Cor. 7:3-48; Rom. 7:1-4; Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Tim. 3:2,11-12; 5:14; Titus 1:6; 2:4-5; 1 Pet. 3:1-7.**

II. A BIBLICAL SUMMARY OF MARRIAGE

- a. All sex outside of marriage is sinful, whether heterosexual or homosexual.
- b. Marriage is a divine institution, and not a civil institution.
 - i. While the state issues marriages licenses and regulates the practice of marriage.
 - ii. Marriage is a gracious gift of God that unites a man and a woman as one flesh in His sight.
- c. **God determines the parameters which constitute a proper marriage. Those parameters are not set by men.**
 - i. The Bible always speaks of marriage as a covenant that exists between a man and woman.

- ii. There is not A SINGLE mention regarding same-sex marriage, although the practice was known among the Gentiles.
- iii. There is no biblical teaching on how same-sex marriages would work, even if they were recognized by God. (*Who is the head? Who is to submit?*)

III. A BIBLICAL VIEW OF HOMOSEXUALITY

a. A BIBLICAL SURVEY OF HOMOSEXUALITY

i. Old Testament References To Homosexuality

a. The Sodom incident - **Gen. 19:1-13.**

b. The Levitical prohibition - **Leviticus 18:22 (KJV)**

²² Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.; **Leviticus 20:13 (KJV)**

¹³ If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them..

d. The sodomites, or male temple prostitutes, in ancient Israel - **1 Kings 14:24 (KJV)**

²⁴ And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel..

ii. New Testament References To Homosexuality

1. Women and men who practice homosexuality and lesbianism are said to be committing acts against nature - **Romans 1:26-27 (KJV)**
²⁶ 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:
²⁷ 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 recompence of their error which was meet..

2. Practicing homosexuals and sodomites are not saved, and will not will not inherit the kingdom of God - **1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (KJV)**
⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ¹⁰ **nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

3. Sodomites contrary to sound doctrine - **1 Timothy 1:10 (KJV)**
¹⁰ For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other

thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;.

b. A SUMMARY OF DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING HOMOSEXUALITY

i. Arguments By Those Approving Homosexuality

1. The incidents at Sodom and Gomorrah were gang rapes, which are wrong whether homosexual or heterosexual.
2. The Levitical prohibitions were condemning ritual sodomy and prostitution like that referenced in **1 Kings 14:24**.
3. “*Acts against nature*” are not against nature if you are born homosexual.

ii. The Greek words used in the New Testament (“malakos” and “arsenokoites,” 1 Cor. 6:9, 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,

1 Tim. 1:10; *For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;*

refer to either temple prostitution, pedophilia, or male rape, not to

homosexuals who are in committed relationships.

What in these passages would call on one to make such assertions?

iii. Some seek approval for gay sexual relationships from the relationships of:

1. David and Jonathan - **1Sa 18:1,3; 20:17,24; 2Sa 1:26-27.**
2. Naomi and Ruth - **Ruth 1:16-17.**

iv. Gay sex by two loving, committed companions is never condemned in the Bible.

1. Jesus never mentioned it.
2. He condemned divorce and adultery, but not homosexuality.

c. Observations By Those Opposing Homosexuality

i. Homosexuality is condemned every time it is referenced in the Bible.

1. Just because Jesus did not condemn homosexuality is not an argument for its permissibility.
2. Prophets prophesied against homosexuality.
3. The proscription against homosexuality in first century Judea was strong and certain.

4. The fact that Jesus did not defend homosexuality shows He was in agreement with its proscription in Jewish law.
- d. The Levitical prohibitions against homosexuality condemn its practice.
 - i. Not just against pagan ordinances, but also “*the doings of the land*” - **Lev 18:3**.
 - ii. Forbid adultery, incest, bestiality; shall the same arguments be applied to them?
- e. Should we accept incestuous relationships as valid?
- f. Should a man be allowed to marry his pet goat if he wants to?
- g. Once the door is opened to “*same-sex marriages*,” what is to say that plural marriage, incestuous marriages and marriages between people and animals won’t be next?

That’s all the time I have for this evening; suffice it to say that the pro-homosexual has no biblical support and same sex marriage even less!

Lost Homosexual have the same need as lost Heterosexual people do! They are in need of the gospel of Christ to that the bible is clear and concise!