

# Plural Marriage The Honorable Thing

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# CHAPTER 1:

## IN A GREAT HOUSE

In 2 Tim. 2:20, we read:

“But IN A GREAT House, there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth: and some to honor and some to dishonor.”

The great house being spoken of is the House of God. In God’s house, there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and earth.

These vessels are people. Some are to honor. The gold and silver represent those that are to honor; the others, the wood and the earth represent those that are to dishonor. The wood and earth represent those who are saved (they are in the house), but yet they are to dishonor.

What is the distinguishing characteristic? The next verse tells us. The vessels unto honor will purge themselves of “these.”

What is to purge?

To purge is to cleanse, to purify, to remove.

What is “these?” To see what that is, we must go back to the context of the passage, and we look at verses 16 and 19. In verse 16, we learn that we are to shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

The word for vain comes from 2757 in the Strong's Greek concordance. It is the word “kenophonia.” It means empty sounding, i.e. fruitless discussion.

Many times it is discussions of one’s wealth and pride in one’s wealth that before God is empty sounding and fruitless. God resisteth the proud and gives grace to the humble. See 1 Peter 5:5. A vain man is a proud man who is one that God resists, thus placing him in the dishonor category.

We must also depart from iniquity.

In the Greek, this is the word “adika” which means legal injustice, wrongfulness of character, of life, or an act unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.

In James 4:17, it says, “Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

If one knows to do good (we know that it is good to care for widows and orphans), and

yet he refuses to do good, then it is sin. He is functioning in iniquity, he is a vessel unto dishonor.

On the other hand, if a man is willing to care for the widow by marrying her and to take in the fatherless child, then it is a good thing, and it is the honorable thing to do.

He then is becoming a vessel unto honor in the house. He is one who is purging himself from these (iniquities and profane and vain babblings).

Do we really want to be vessels unto honor?

Let us do the honorable thing!

## CHAPTER 2:

### Meet for the Master's USE

“If a man purge himself from these, he should be a vessel unto honor, meet for the master's use.”

The implication is obvious, that a vessel unto dishonor although in the house (the house of God) is not meet for the master's use.

The iniquity, the disobedience, the rebellion in his heart, the inability to hear and to do what the master says prevents him from being a vessel unto honor, and prevents him from doing that which would please the master.

How does the master want to use us?

He wants us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength. See Mark 12:30.

Then He also wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves. See Mark 12:31.

How do we love God with all? We do what He wants!

What does He want?

He wants the widows and fatherless to be cared for.

Read James 1:27.

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

It is very obvious that God cares for the widows.

Then If we love God, then His cares are also our cares.

The word used for “visit” in this passage can also be translated as relieve. I believe that we can see that it is God's heart that the widows and fatherless not only be “visited” but actually be relieved.

If the widow is a close relative as a mother, sister, aunt, or the like, then the relief may only take the form of food, shelter, clothing, and such things.

However, if the widow is not a close relative, God may desire that one of His honorable men also marry her and also take care of her fatherless children by being a father to them. We see in Deuteronomy 25 verses 5-10 that it was a brother's duty to marry his dead brother's wife if she had no children, and to take her to wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

The first born (this means there may also be others born later) which she gave birth to, was to succeed in the name of the dead brother that his name be not put out of Israel.

In the New Testament there is a change.

A woman is not obligated to marry the natural brother. She may marry any Christian brother.

In I. Cor. 7:39 we read:

“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married TO WHOM SHE WILL, ONLY IN THE LORD.”

Since the vast majority of churches have more women than men, to whom can these widows be married?

In a monogamy only society, there are not enough men to go around for each woman to have her very own exclusive husband.

Some men must then do the honorable thing and marry more than one wife.

Men, ask yourselves, “if a widow wants me to marry her, will I be willing to do the HONORABLE THING, even if I am already married?”

## CHAPTER 3

### HOW DWELLETH...?

In I John 3:17 we read:

“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”

If we have the true love of God in us, we seek to help our fellow believers who have need. If we have the capacity to help but refuse to do so, we can not say that the love of God dwells in us!

When most people see this verse, they may think of giving food to the hungry or clothing or shelter to those that need it. They are right! This verse certainly applies to those things. However, it can also go beyond those things!

If a widow needs love, are you a man that can marry her and love her? If the love of God dwells within you and that is the need, and you have the capacity to be a husband, then you will!

The next verse goes on to say, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

Many people “SAY” I love you, but when it comes down to the real deed, they fail to do anything to show the love.

Our love must be in deed and in truth.

Unfortunately much of the religious world adopted the pagan practice of “monogamy only.” That is the belief system that a man can have only one wife. Since we are told in II Cor. 6:14 “Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers,” we know that a believer in Jesus Christ should not seek to be married to an unbeliever.

In addition, since men die sooner and are usually slower to come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, there is almost always a greater number of women than there are men in the churches.

Certainly, there are not enough men for each woman to have a husband exclusively as her very own.

Thus Satan’s diabolical plot to harm women has been in effect since it was codified by the Roman Catholic Church at the Council of Trent in 1863, which said that if anyone

said that a man could have more than one wife, he is to be anathema (accursed).

The rule was a lie from the pit of Hell!

Unfortunately, many believed the lie and now many fail to show the love of God that they should by being a husband to women that need that love and that covering.

Let us put aside the lie and please God and not religious organizations. Let us show the love of God in deed and in truth.

## CHAPTER 4

### BY YOUR TRADITION

“Thus have ye made the [word] of God of none effect by your tradition” (Matthew 15:6).

In this passage, he was speaking to the Pharisees about their lack in taking care of parents. However, the principle goes further than that.

Just as they had their religious traditions then, we have our religious traditions today.

The “Monogamy Only” belief is such a tradition, but most people don’t know that.

It is not generally taught as a part of history that monogamy only was a “Roman” tradition that was pulled into the church which became the ROMAN catholic church.

Consequently, few know that polygyny, the concept that a man can have more than one wife, is entirely acceptable before God.

In the Western world the “monogamy only” doctrine is infused into almost all people fully and thoroughly. It begins with children in the stories they are told before they go to bed.

In stories like Cinderella, Snow White, and Sleeping Beauty, there is always one handsome prince who marries one beautiful princess.

There are no stories where a prince marries many wives as David in the Bible did, or as Gideon did, or as Moses did, or as Abraham did, or as many others that could be mentioned.

When this stark contrast between the many historical Biblical characters and modern day western fiction is pointed out, usually someone says something like, “Well, God winked at their ignorance in Old Testament days.”

That is totally false!

It is the modern day western world preachers who are ignorant of God’s truth.

They don’t realize that they have been brain washed and have been involved in brain washing others.

This is tragic! Yet as tragic as it is, they will curse, malign, and threaten those who try to

bring them truth and light on the subject. Fortunately, there are those that will hear.

Fortunately, among those who have heard the truth and who have begun to function in the truth, there are some that now have second wives. Some of these second wives now have children that are being raised in Godly homes. Thus, they will grow to be warriors in God's army. These are people who would not exist except that the truth has been told. Each person that can learn this truth has a duty to be willing to share it with others. Sharing the truth rather than western tradition will please God.

Jesus said:

“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

A truly free man can then do the HONORABLE THING!

# CHAPTER 5:

## SEVEN MORE YEARS

In the book of Genesis we read that Jacob goes to live with his uncle Laban. He desires to marry his beautiful daughter Rachel. However, Jacob has no money. He therefore agrees to work seven years as the bride price for this beautiful younger sister.

The older sister is Leah. Leah is more plain. Since she is not as attractive to the eye, Jacob, like most men, is not as attracted to her.

Nevertheless, after he has worked seven long hard years paying the bride price for the bride he wanted, they have a wedding feast and his uncle Laban tricks him.

He goes in to consummate the marriage. Perhaps they have been drinking. Perhaps it is very dark. Whatever the reason, Jacob does not realize that it is Leah and not Rachel with whom he consummates the marriage until morning!

When he does realize it, he is understandably upset. He has been defrauded on the deal. He worked for one girl, only to be given another!

What is Laban's response?

He says essentially, in our culture, we cannot marry off the younger daughter before the older daughter.

What?!

Why hadn't he revealed that information before Jacob had worked seven long hard years?

What can be done now?

He is given the option to work seven more years, another "week," to have Rachel also. He would then have two wives.

Many men would have walked away from Leah saying, just because he was tricked, he did not have to be a husband to her. Most men would have rightly demanded to have what they have worked for immediately, which was Rachel, with no further work!

However, Jacob does the "honorable thing." He agrees to the plural marriage, and he agrees to work the seven additional years.

There is no mention in Scripture anywhere that Jacob has done wrong in this incident. The wrong was done against him.

Yet Jacob marries both daughters. He now has two wives. He has done the “honorable thing!”

Eventually, he also takes the handmaidens of the wives as concubine wives, and then has four wives.

From these four wives came the twelve sons of Israel (Jacob) who became the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. Jacob is never remanded or punished for eventually taking four wives.

Why?

Because sometimes...

**PLURAL MARRIAGE IS THE HONORABLE THING!**

# CHAPTER 6:

## THE FRIEND OF God

Abraham was called the friend of God.

Abraham was married to Sarah and Hagar. Since Hagar and her sons caused trouble through jealousy, and since God eventually tells Abraham he must send Hagar away, many claim it was not God's will for Abraham to have more than one wife. We do know that it was God's will that the promised son Isaac would come through Sarah. We also know that Abraham and Sarah were initially lacking in the faith to wait on God's promise.

However, sometimes people forget that Abraham was impotent and unable to have sexual relations at age 99. Later, he had his son Isaac, but then many years later after Sarah died, Abraham married another wife. That wife was Keturah. In addition, he also had at least two other concubine wives. He had children by these women.

Did God condemn this?

No!

Apparently Abraham's ability to have sexual relations had returned permanently for the rest of his life.

If God had not wanted him to have more wives, He could have restored his potency only for the occasion of Isaac's conception.

So now Abraham is now over 130 years old. He has lived a full life. Is marrying these concubines for his own benefit?

Or was he marrying them for their benefit?

At 130 plus years old, I don't think Abraham is marrying just so he can have multiple sexual partners.

Abraham is described as the friend of God. That tells me that he seeks to serve his God. We can see that he was even willing to sacrifice his own son Isaac at God's command.

I, therefore, do not think he was doing this merely for his own pleasure.

I believe he was still seeking to obey God. Then in doing so, he marries other women to be a covering for them! Abraham, the friend of God, does the HONORABLE THING.

# CHAPTER 7

## The Covering

In the natural realm, the man and the woman were created naked. Yet they didn't know they were naked until after they sinned.

Why?

Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

God is covered with light (Psalm 104:1-2).

If God is clothed with light and man is in His image, then when man was created, he was also covered with light.

The light is the life. (See John 1:4). "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."  
The light is righteousness. (See II. Timothy 4:7-8 as compared to James 1:12, and I. Peter 5:4).

So the light is life and righteousness and glory.

Man was created with this as his covering.

However, when he sinned, he loss the life, the light, the glory, the righteousness; and therefore, he could now see that he was naked. He had no covering.

Adam and Eve tried to cover there nakedness with aprons of fig leaves. (See Genesis 3:7).

This was not good enough, so God made them coats of skins.

God provides a covering by killing animals and shedding their blood.

He does it in the natural as a type, shadow, and picture of what He will do in the spiritual.

Jesus Himself will come as the Lamb of God and shed His blood (life). (See Leviticus 17:11) "The life of the flesh is in the blood."

Thus, He can be our husband, our covering. We see this symbol in Boaz spreading his skirt to make a covering over Ruth. We also see it in Ezekiel 16:7-8 where it says, "I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is

gown, whereas thou wast naked and bare. Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.”

Nakedness in the Scripture is associated with sin. A proper covering in the Scripture shows God’s mandate and method of covering sin. In the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve sinned, they knew they were naked. They tried to cover themselves with aprons of fig leaves. That was inadequate and God covered them with coats of skins. We see two things in this. An apron is insufficient inasmuch as it only covers our front. That is that portion that we ourselves can see. A coat is sufficient in that it covers our backs and our fronts. It covers both that which we see and that which we do not see.

A leaf is insufficient inasmuch as it requires no blood to be shed.

A coat of an animal skin is sufficient inasmuch as an animal must give his life and shed his blood for us to be covered.

The animal is a type of Jesus Christ who is the Lamb of God.

Jesus is our sacrifice. Without His sacrifice, there is no covering for our sin. Without Jesus, we are naked.

In Mark 15, when Jesus is taken, we see a man who fled naked. This is a depiction of when Jesus is removed from us, we are naked.

We (collectively) are to be the bride of Christ. As such, He provides a covering for our nakedness. A man, then being the image and glory of Christ (See I. Cor. 11:7) provides apparel (covering) for his wife. (See Exodus 21:10.)

What man does for his wife in the natural is what Jesus does for us in the spiritual.

In addition for those who are mature enough to see it; man provides not only a natural covering (apparel) for his wife, but he also provides a spiritual covering as well!

There are things that we do in the natural that depict things that are going on in the spiritual.

Let us take baptism for example. We (bury) the person in water. It is a type of being buried in Christ. When we bury the person in water, we are depicting what is beginning to happen in the spiritual realm. Christ is beginning that person’s burial into Himself.

Water is a cleansing agent used to cleanse the flesh. See I. Peter 3:21.

When water baptism depicts a cleansing, the natural water on the physical flesh cannot cleanse spiritual sin. This is what Peter means when he says, in I. Peter 3:21. “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (NOT THE PUTTING AWAY OF THE FILTH OF THE FLESH, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

However, it does depict the cleansing (removal) of sin or spiritual circumcision that is taking place at the time of baptism.

Similarly, when man marries a woman, he is providing a spiritual covering for spiritual nakedness.

A woman without a covering is shamed. We see this in I. Cor. 11:5-6 where Paul says, “But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.”

There is an assumption in these verses that it is indeed shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven. Where do we see a woman uncovered and shorn and shaven in Scripture?

We see it in Numbers 5 that a woman is uncovered when she is expected of committing adultery. “And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and UNCOVER THE WOMAN’S head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:”

If a priest had to uncover her head, this implies that her head would normally be covered. In Ezekiel 16, as we read before, we see that when the woman reaches puberty, she should be covered. In this metaphor, the LORD is spreading His skirt over her. This passage shows that in doing so, she is becoming His. He is agreeing to marry her.

We see this seen played out in the time of Ruth and Boaz. Ruth at her mother-in-law’s instruction, lays down at the feet of Boaz. Boaz then spreads his covering (skirt) over her. See Ruth 3:8-9.

This passage would not be in Scripture unless it was there to show us some spiritual truth. Let’s now compare it to Isaiah 4:1.

“And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.”

What is the reproach?

A lack of male covering.

In that day, the day of the Lord's return, they realize their need. They then seek to remedy it by relieving the man of the obligation in marriage to provide food and clothing, which is the man's duty. They are now willing to marry him and have that needed covering. Thus, their reproach (shame) shall be taken away. The man who does this, does the HONORABLE thing.

## CHAPTER 8

### THE DIRTY OLD MAN?

When I first went to Africa, I was shocked to find there was sometimes older men in their fifties or sixties that would marry younger ladies in their twenties.

In the western world, they would be called dirty old men.

Why?

It is because in the Western world, we have been indoctrinated to believe that a man should marry a woman near his own age. For a man to marry someone young enough to be his daughter is considered improper.

Yet, in Scripture, we see such cases. Let us consider at least two. Moses was forty years old when he fled into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty years. While there, he married. Upon his return at eighty years old, he has a young child. This means that unless God has done something miraculous, his wife was probably less than forty-five years old, since most women begin menopause around that age and stop bearing children. Moses is at least then thirty-five years older than his wife.

In the Western world, he would be called “a dirty old man.”

Boaz was considerably older than Ruth.

How do we know that? Because Boaz says that she did not go after the young men. This means that by contrast, Boaz was older. He was likely old enough to be her father. Yet, he was the one appointed by God to be the example to be the near kinsman that would redeem her and make her his bride.

Finally, let's consider Abraham, the friend of God.

Abraham and Sarah had Isaac when he was one hundred years old. Later, there was contention between the son of Sarah and the son of Hagar. Abraham offers Isaac as a sacrifice after Isaac was old enough to understand to ask about where the sacrifice was.

Later Sarah dies.

Abraham is now between 130 and 135 years old. He then marries Keturah and at least two other concubines and they have children. These women were forty-five years old or less, or perhaps seventy-five years younger than Abraham.

In the Western world, he would be called a “dirty old man!”

Yet, as we have said before, it is likely Abraham was not marrying these women for his own pleasure, for his own benefit. He was “the friend of God” and therefore sought to do God's will.

I believe, he married these women for their benefit! I once asked a man with five wives why he married the third wife. “Weren't two wives providing enough sexual relations for you?” I naively asked.

“It was not about the sex,” he responded, as he looked at me as if I was an imbecile.

“They needed a husband and I could be one.” He explained.

Sometimes there are women who need a husband, and it is the honorable thing to be one, even if one is considerably older as it is in some cases.

Let me hasten to add that no woman should be forced to marry an older man. However, if she wishes to marry him, it may be “the honorable thing” for him to do!

## CHAPTER 9

### BOAZ, THE HONORABLE MAN

Ruth's husband had died. Naomi, her mother-in-law expected to have no more children. The law given by Moses in Deut. 25:5-10 could not apply as to a brother marrying a widow and raising up a righteous seed to his brother's name since Naomi had no other sons.

Naomi advised her daughters-in-law to go back to their own people. One did. But Ruth said "Thy God shall be my God and thy people my people." The custom was that if there was no brother to marry, then the next closest relative could do so.

They are divinely guided to Boaz who is a relative. Boaz was older. We know this because he later points out that Ruth could have sought out the young men.

In much of the Western world it would be considered the wrong thing to do because one is supposed to marry one close to his own age. Yet in Scripture, we see that it is often the case that the man is older than the woman. Abraham was eleven years older than Sarah then about seventy or so years older than Keturah.

Ruth is not looking for any man. She is not looking for the most handsome man. She is looking for the right man!

Was Boaz already married?

We don't know. Scripture does not say. He was wealthy though, and wealthy men have no trouble finding a wife. So he may well have been, but the Scripture doesn't say.

Nevertheless, he was startled to find a woman (Ruth) lying at his feet. This she did because she was instructed to do so by her mother-in-law.

Ruth explains that he (Boaz) is her near kinsman and requests that he spread his skirt over her and cover her. This is a sign of a willingness of a man to take her as a wife. Her job will be to serve him. His job then is to protect and provide for her.

We see this in Ezekiel 16 where the Lord speaking figuratively does this for Israel.

Yet there is one problem that must be faced. There is a nearer kinsman, and this matter must be cleared up before Boaz can marry this girl, who is likely young enough to be his daughter. The other kinsman, when shown he has the opportunity and duty to marry Ruth, refuses. He does not want to mar his inheritance. What does this mean? He is

unwilling to do his duty because he loves things more than doing what is “THE HONORABLE THING” before God.

He removes his shoe. This is the sign which was declared as the sign that a man was to do in Deuteronomy 25:10 when he failed to do his duty.

Boaz then being the next of kin steps up and does “THE HONORABLE THING.” He marries Ruth.

Today we are under grace. There is a new rule regarding this. That rule is in I. Corinthians 7:39. It says that a widow may marry whomsoever she will, only in the Lord.

In other words, she is no longer required to marry a natural brother. She can marry a spiritual brother. In addition, she can marry ANY brother in the Lord. Since we are all, as believers, brothers and sisters, the question becomes... When she approaches a brother in the Lord, will he do “THE HONORABLE THING” and marry her.

His present marital status is irrelevant. If he has the means, he should do “the honorable thing.” If he does not have the means, he may decline, unless she is willing to say like the women in Isaiah 4:1, she will marry him without the required support of food and apparel.

If so, then he should do “THE HONORABLE THING.”

There are several interesting and valuable lessons in the story of Ruth. Ruth is blessed because she decides to stay with her mother-in-law. She is kind in that she is working by gleaning the fields as the poor were allowed to do, to help take care of her mother-in-law, Naomi.

We also see that Boaz is a kind man. Kindness or gentleness in the New Testament (King James Version) is a fruit of the spirit.

In kindness, Boaz tells the young men who were harvesting his field to leave even more behind for Ruth to glean. He also becomes her protector in that he tells the young men not to touch her.

We notice further that it is Ruth, who at her mother-in-law's admonition goes and makes a proposal to Boaz. “I am Ruth thine handmaid: Spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman” (Ruth 3:9).

This shows that there are circumstances where it is appropriate for the woman to request a Christian man to be her husband.

God then rewards, both, Ruth for her faithfulness to Naomi and Boaz for his kind heart by arranging to give them to each other.

Then, as Proverbs says: “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD” (18:22).

Then the second part of Proverbs 19:14 says: “A prudent wife is from the LORD.”

So when God provides a prudent wife, a man should not be afraid to do “THE HONORABLE THING.”

# CHAPTER 10

## AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

David the shepherd boy, who eventually became King David, was known as a man after God's own heart.

When King Saul rebelled against God through his disobedience, the Scripture says in I. Samuel 13:14: "But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee."

That man that was to replace Saul as King was David. So David became known as the man after God's own heart.

We see that when David is on the run from Saul, he protects a man named Nabal and Nabal's flock. Nabal returns him evil for good by refusing to give David and his army any food and supplies.

David, at first, thought to go after him, but Nabal's wife Abigail intercedes and brings the needed supplies.

A few days later, the Lord smites Nabal and he dies. This leaves the good hearted woman Abigail as a widow.

David then does "THE HONORABLE THING." He sends messengers and invites her to be his wife. Abigail comes to be his wife and David also marries Ahinoam about the same time.

"And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and THEY WERE ALSO BOTH OF THEM HIS WIVES" (I. Samuel 25:42-43).

Notice, this was never attributed to David as sin. He took two wives at almost the same time.

This was not a sin! There were only three sins mentioned of David. One was adultery with Bathsheba. The second was having her husband murdered, and the third was when he counted Israel and should not have.

Why did David marry Ahinoam? The Scripture does not say. Perhaps he was attracted to her.

Why did he marry Abigail? Perhaps he was attracted to her, but since she had befriended him and his army, and now that she was a widow, perhaps he thought it was “THE HONORABLE THING” to do.

We must remember David was a man after God's own heart, God rewarded him. One of these gifts, or rewards, to David was wives.

We even see when Nathan the prophet was rebuking David with a thus saith the LORD word, that God says that He gave David wives.

“And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and THY MASTER'S WIVES INTO THY BOSOM” (II Samuel 12:7-8).

God says He gave David wives. When God gives a gift to you, the honorable thing to do is to receive it. David received wives. So should we when God gives them to us. It is “THE HONORABLE THING” to do.

# CHAPTER 11

## GOD'S PURPOSE AND COMMAND

God gives a mandate to Adam and Eve.

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:...”(Genesis 1:28 ).

When he destroyed the Earth and all mankind except Noah and his family, he once again gave them a command.

“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth” (Genesis 9:1).

God's command is for man to use the divine seed planted within him properly.

What is that? It is man's duty to plant the seeds, the sperm, within the womb of woman to bring forth children.

This is why we have sexual desire. It is to make sure that mankind continues to exist.

However, God also commands that the fulfillment of that sexual desire be satisfied within the marriage bond.

The Scriptural marriage bond involves a commitment for a man to be the husband to the woman, and for the woman to be a wife to the man.

It is God's desire that the commitment be a life-long commitment barring certain specific sins by either party; in which case, it can be voided.

Within the marriage bond, the man with his wife is to bear children and to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (See Ephesians 6:4).

In doing so, a righteous seed begins to fill the Earth.

Without the marriage bond, the sexual drive, for most is still present. That drive, unfulfilled, pushes many into fornication.

There is a Scriptural method for avoiding fornication. It is marriage. (See I Corinthians 7:2).

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

Some people may read this passage to mean that it is a “MONOGAMY ONLY” relationship. However, that is not so. The man is to have his own, as in saying that a man should drive his own car, or a man should milk his own cow. A man may have several cars, but gets to drive one of his own. He can have several cows, but he should milk one that is his own.

The woman is to have her own, as in her own master. Indeed her husband is to be her master and lord! However, Jesus said clearly that no one can have two masters.

The unfortunate situation is that in the vast majority of churches around the planet Earth, there are many more women than men. Yes, we should get more men saved. However, until that task is completed, some men need to marry more than one woman. This will help prevent them from being tempted to fornicate. This will also give them the chance to have children and raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Whereby, they are therefore raising up a righteous generation.

This fulfills God’s mandate to mankind to go ye therefore and multiply and replenish the Earth.

To obey God is “THE HONORABLE THING.” Therefore, for a man to engage in plural marriage is to help him obey God as he does “THE HONORABLE THING.”

# CHAPTER 12

## EVIL INVENTIONS

The Bible speaks of evil inventions.

When we hear that term, most people probably think of atomic bombs, machine guns, chemical weapons used in warfare, or bacterial infections created for biological warfare.

As evil as these things may be, there are also other evil inventions. Some of these are such that the world order and the mass media insist that most people use. Among these are things such as: RU486, birth control pills, and even condoms. The drug commonly known as RU486 was designed to end pregnancy in the very early stages. In other words, its purpose was to kill a newly conceived child while in the mother's womb. Initially, some tried to justify this based on the premise that if a woman has been raped, she would not have to deal with the resulting unwanted pregnancy. She would therefore be justified in destroying the child of the rapist. Supposedly, seeing and carrying for the child every day would be too traumatic for the woman and therefore, murder of the offspring was to be justified.

However, since abortion is now legal in most of the world, and in some countries even up until the ninth month of pregnancy, it is no longer justified based on rape, but now, is justified on convenience.

If a woman has had sexual relations with a casual partner, or even a one night stand, and she thinks she might be pregnant, she is able to purchase a drug and destroy the fruit or the result of the union.

Constant media advertising and supposedly intellectual discourse among so-called educated people has given the argument such legitimacy that we rarely hear an argument against it now.

People have been educated to believe, it is only a small mass of tissue. Women have been trained to think they have a right to choose when it concerns their own body.

The distinction is not made that the child developing within a mother's body is a separate entity. The laws of the land have taken away the rights of the unborn child to be born and live!

## **BIRTH CONTROL PILLS**

Initially, it was said that birth control pills prevented conception by preventing ovulation. If the woman's egg cell never left her ovaries, then the man's sperm cell could not connect to it, and there would be no pregnancy.

In recent years, there has been more and more of an admission, that in some months the pill also causes the abortion of a fertilized egg. However, it is so early in the pregnancy that a woman cannot tell whether she conceived or not.

We should further ask the question would it be alright if it never caused an abortion?

The answer is no!

Why?

The answer is because it is still a method to get around what God intended. It is based on greed! That's right, greed and selfishness are the primary reasons for using the birth control pill.

The Western world has convinced its people that small families are better than large ones. With a small family, one can spend more money on luxuries for himself. With a large family, money that might be used for play or toys (adult toys are things like cars and jewelry and vacations) would need to be spent instead on food and clothing for children.

So the use of birth control pills, whether in marriage, or outside of marriage, is encouraged to prevent the birth of children.

Developing countries in South America, Africa, and Asia, are taught by the so-called civilized Western world that if they want to be rich rather than poor, they should learn from them, and follow these wicked ways.

Why do I call these wicked?

I call them wicked because it is opposite of God's command to multiply and replenish the Earth.

In addition with various forms of birth control, it is deemed easier to fornicate and go against God's rules on having sex within marriage.

## **CONDOMS**

Now the use of condoms is being widely encouraged and held as the panacea for preventing disease.

It is now expected that all people will fornicate. It is expected that almost all people will have casual sexual relations, but they are told that it's alright as long as they protect themselves by using condoms.

They are taught that the use of condoms will prevent Hiv/AID's and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Condoms are being given away freely in third world countries. People are taught not to have unprotected sex, but rather, they should use condoms.

They should only have unprotected sex with a marriage partner WHEN they want a child. They are also encouraged to only want one or two children.

In China, they have mandated by law that a couple must have only one child.

Is this right in God's eyes?

NO!

Why?

Because God gave mankind a desire to have sex and propagate the species. Yet, He gave rules for it to be performed only within the marriage bond.

God said the children are a blessing. The world says they are a curse.

God says sex should be within marriage. The world says sex is alright any time as long as it's protected sex with use of a condom.

God wants more people born and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The world wants less people born and wants its rules (which are Satan's) imprinted within the hearts of mankind.

The world has made evil inventions to thwart God's plan.

To use an evil invention such as a condom is not "THE HONORABLE THING" to do.

"THE HONORABLE THING" is to marry and have children.

To not marry and have children is for a few people. These should be eunuchs for the kingdom's sake. Only a few are called to this.

Others will be called to be involved in plural marriage like Gideon and have many children. When one is called to be a man like Gideon, then plural marriage is “THE HONORABLE THING.”

## CHAPTER 13

### GOD HATES AND SATAN LOVES

In Malachi chapter two, we read that God hates divorce.

“And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously” (Malachi 2:15-16).

If God hates something, then Satan loves that very thing, for he is the enemy of God. In the Western world with the “MONOGAMY ONLY” mind set, when a man gets tired of the wife of his youth, he can throw her away (divorce her) and get a newer, younger model to replace her. The LORD calls this treachery!

Jesus spoke against it in Matthew chapter 5.

“It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 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” (Matthew 5:31-32).

Also in Matthew 19:3–9:

“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? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 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? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 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. 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” (Matthew 19:3-9).

And Mark 10:2-9:

“And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain

shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mark 10:2-9).

As we read these together and in context, We see that Jesus is not saying one is committing adultery to marry an additional wife. He is saying that to divorce one wife in order to marry another commits adultery against the first because it places her in a position to have to marry another man for support, protection, and covering while he, the first husband, is still living!

This, Jesus condemns!

This has been twisted to teach that “MONOGAMY ONLY” is the only right way.

Now, women are taught that they are equal to men and that they can do what a man can do, and that they do not need a husband because they can have their own careers. Whereas, Scripture, on the other hand, teaches that it is best for the man to be the provider. (See Exodus 21:10 and I. Timothy 5:8).

In addition, it teaches that a wife is to guide the house and bear children. However, the world, now influenced by Satan, says that gender roles are reversible.

The woman can be the leader and the bread winner; it teaches. The woman has at least equal say in the marriage about all things; they are taught.

In many cases a man is no longer allowed to make a legal or financial decision for his family without his wife’s permission.

Women have now learned that they can be the boss, and the government will back them up!

The man must do what she wants, or she threatens divorce! When the woman threatens divorce, the man is horrified because in the vast number of cases, the government will allow her to keep half of all assets and the primary custody of the children. In addition, the government will require the man to pay child support for years and possibly alimony as well.

Not only is he required to pay until the youngest child reaches eight-teen years old, but the government will forcefully take it from his pay check from his employer before he ever sees any of the money.

The government in the USA will use his social security number (a precursor to the mark of the beast) to track him down no matter where he moves and extract the government’s demanded child support from his salary. If he ever gets promotions or raises, she can then go back to the court and receive new grants of greater amounts of money from him.

When a man who has a legal marriage realizes this and is threatened with divorce, which happens most of the time, he knows that unless he cowers to his wife, he will be ruined.

No longer can he be head of the household as the Bible prescribed, lest he face financial devastation.

These concepts and laws are being placed in by the United Nations, and now, all nations are being required to implement them. If third world, developing nations will not include such laws in their constitutions or national laws, then the threat is that they will not receive loans from the International Monetary Fund, or the World Bank.

Nations that adopt Western (Roman) standards, receive favorite status and Monetary help from the Western world. Those that do not are overlooked. Thus, the financial pressure to conform goes heavily to nations in Africa and elsewhere!

Satan's intent is to prevent "THE HONORABLE THING!"

If a man feels attracted to another woman and believes that he is called by God to marry another a woman, then he should be able to do so without divorcing the first wife, or being penalized for marrying the second.

Thus, plural marriage, is "THE HONORABLE THING."

# CONCLUSION

A canopy of evil spirits with diabolical doctrines in direct opposition to God has been placed over the Western world and seeks to spread its poison worldwide to all continents and all nations.

A part of this evil revolves around the doctrine of marriage.

Satan has over time brought his doctrine of “MONOGAMY ONLY,” or one man to only one wife doctrine, into a harlot church system, and from there to other religions that spring forth from her.

The indoctrination with this world view is massive. It engages all forms of media, education institutions, government laws, and the persuasion of many religious organizations. The only antidote to such a massive mental plague is to know and understand and function according to God’s word. We need to know that even when they take the truth of God’s Word, and try to corrupt it, to deceive the people of God, we can still know this truth by God’s examples.

The friend of God, Abraham, had two wives, Sarah and Hagar. Later, after Hagar was sent away, and Sarah died, the friend of God, Abraham, had at least three other wives, (including Keturah and at least two other concubines). The friend of God, Abraham, was never condemned for having a plural number of wives.

The leader of the Israelites was Moses. He prophesied that God would raise up another like unto himself. Moses had three wives.

A man after God’s own heart, David, was given many wives by God Himself. Although, he was punished for his adultery with Bathsheba, when he took another man’s wife, he was never punished for having the many wives that God gave him.

God Himself depicts Himself metaphorically as having two wives. Those are Israel and Judah in Jeremiah 3, and Ezekiel 23. This is something he would never do if it were not an example for us.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of a bridegroom that marries five wise virgins. Again, this is not a parable he would have used if He were against plural marriage.

The evidence is clear! Those that are against plural marriage are wrong! Not only is plural marriage acceptable in the eyes of God but in many cases, it is the “HONORABLE THING” to do.

The new scare tactic to prevent men from practicing plural marriage is HIV/AIDS. This deadly disease, which is almost always fatal, is feared. While, on the one hand, the world is saying to always use a condom so you can fornicate and not get HIV/AIDS; on the

other hand, they say one should not practice plural marriage to avoid getting AID's.

This is not logical! They say it is alright to sin using their evil inventions, but not alright to be faithful to Godly marriage partners?

If the husband and any and every wife added to that husband is checked for the disease beforehand, and then the husband is faithful to his noninfected wives, and the wives are faithful to their noninfected husband, then the disease cannot enter in by sexual intercourse, even though the husband has more than one wife!

Even so, Western world advocates and the U.N. are pushing their Satanic doctrines and prescriptions on third world countries. Third world countries are listening and following orders from the West and passing such laws so they can secure money in the form of loans from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Satan has used money as a motivator. The Scripture says: "Money is the root of all evil."

Yet, who is richer?

A man with one wife and two sons and ten cows,

or,

A man with two wives, six sons, and five cows?

The world would say the one wife man is richer. God would say the latter one with more than one wife and a greater number of sons is the richer.

God measures wealth in a different way than worldly people.

We need to ask ourselves are we here to please God, or are we here to please man?

We each need to ask ourselves, am I more interested in receiving the praises of man, or am I more interested in receiving the praises of God.

When missionaries went to Africa years ago, they told many of the men with a plural number of wives, that they had to divorce all their wives except one in order to be saved. Some did, and some didn't.

Many have wrongly taught that those that would not were automatically lost and were cast into hell. This is not the truth!

Scripture says: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; . ." (Romans 6:16).

If these men were obeying God in taking, and covering, and protecting, and providing for additional wives, as they were led by the Spirit of the Lord to do, then they were God's servants.

In Romans 2:13-16, we read:

“(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Romans 2:13-16).

We are not to judge. God knows those that are His.

I suspect that there were many many men that refused the tainted picture of God brought to them by former missionaries who are now enjoying heaven because of their obedience to God and not men.

These were honorable men. These were men who did the honorable thing.

Plural marriage is “THE HONORABLE THING!”

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