

THE

"ONLY"

LIE

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The “Only” Lie

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Chapter 1 Modern translations

There are modern translations of the Bible that add words to put forth a particular doctrine. As I have ministered in Bibles I was amazed to find out that there were some Bibles that had words that were not even close to what mine said.

Of course I use the King James version of the Bible. The King James is one of the best IF not THE best translation of Gods word into English. Even so as one who is to become a student of the word and not just a casual reader it becomes necessary to go back to the Original Greek and Hebrew (In which the word of God was originally written) at times to find out the exact meaning of a word, a phrase or even a paragraph to get God's true intent.

Nevertheless, before I get deeper into that let me explain how I came to know that the King James was the best English translation.

I was a young minister in 1974. I was preparing a sermon on the full armor of God from Ephesians chapter six. I was reading from the "Living Bible".

It said put on the belt of truth around your waist.

God spoke to me SO CLEARLY that it was almost audible.

He said, " IT did NOT say that!"

"Yes, it did," I argued as I pointed to the Scripture passage in the "Living Bible">

"IT did NOT say that!", HE repeated.

"Read it in the King James", He ordered.

I read it in the King James

"Having your loins girt about with truth." It read.

"Isn't that the same thing?" I questioned.

"What does loins mean?" HE asked me.

"I don't know, that is not one of my everyday vocabulary words." I responded.

"Look it up in the dictionary." HE commanded.

I read from the dictionary- "Loins- hips and reproductive areas."

"Now what is the weakest part of a man's body?" He asked me.

"OH!" I responded as I thought of the testicles which are between a man's legs.

"Now you did not get that idea from a belt around your waist, did you?" He

questioned further.

"No" I replied.

"Now then that really means have your weak areas covered with truth, doesn't?" HE questioned and explained at the same time.

"YES!" I replied as I received the new revelation.

"What is truth?" he asked me.

Did I not say "I am the way and truth and the life?" He went on.

Yes, I answered.

Didn't I say that my word is truth?

Sanctify them through thy **truth**: thy **word is truth**.
John 17:16-18

"Yes" I replied again.

"Then it really means to have your weak areas covered with the word and with Jesus, doesn't it?" He further queried.

"Yes", I said again as I received His further revelation.

"Use the King James!" he ordered.

"Yes, Lord!" I replied.

After that I would always use the king James version, but I would also compare it with many other versions of the Bible to see the differences. Often times, I would see major differences in the meaning from the King James version as compared to some of the newer versions of the Bible. Most of the newer versions have been watered down or changed in some way.

I have since learned that some of the Bibles in the African languages have been translated from these newer versions.

Unfortunately, it is often difficult to find out from what English translation they were translated because they only say, "Holy Bible" on the front cover and there is no explanation regarding the translation in the inside either.

Some of these are all right to get the general storyline and theme of God's word but they are not accurate enough Bibles from which one can study

An example is Psalms 68:11

One version has something there saying that God sent women to preach the gospel.

By contrast, the King James version has nothing at all about women in that verse.

In the King James it says, "The Lord gave the word and great was the company that published it."

The New American Standard says, "The Lord gives the command, the women who proclaim it are a great host."

The New Living Bible says, "The Lord announces victory and throngs of women shout the happy news."

The word company in the King James comes from a Hebrew word (No 6635 in Strong's Concordance) tsbach- a mass of persons (or fig. Throngs) espec. reg. organized for war, (an army) by impl. a campaign, lit. or fig. (spec. hardship, worship) appointed time(+) army (+) battle company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (fare)

It further says that it comes from (6673) Tsaba which means to mass (an army of servants) assemble, fight, perform, master, wait upon, war.

There is no mention of women in the definition. Yet, some modern translations which may have been influenced by the modern women's liberation movement and their doctrine have felt to put women into the text!

Some have used this to infer that women are equal to men in preaching the gospel.

So how can they justify putting women in this verse.

Well, one Bible scholar points out that the word publish is a feminine word in the Hebrew.

So let's ask the question: "Did The Holy Spirit mean to inspire King David to write that a company or army of women would spread the gospel?"

No I doubt that! If it has any significant spiritual meaning it could only be that the company which is the church which is be the bride of Christ collectively will spread the gospel. However, the modern translations have women doing the

spreading of the gospel.

This shows how important it is for us to study from good translations, and also seek the wisdom of God as to what His intent really is.

Whereas, we readily admit that God can and does use women to help spread the word, we must also state that 1st Timothy 2:12 says:

"I suffer not a woman to teach or to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence."

So we begin to see how important it is to have an accurate translation when forming doctrine.

Chapter 2

GOD'S MORAL LAW

The moral law of God is placed within the spirit of man.

Men were obeying the law of God before Moses went up on Mount Sinai to receive the written commandments at the hand of God. So the law was made known to men long before Moses was even born.

WHY?

Because God's Moral law is Eternal!

Judah knew that when his son, Er was slain that he was to give his son Onan to his widow to raise up a seed to his brother.

See Genesis 38:6-11

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

This was more than 400 years before Moses wrote in the law which we see in Deuteronomy 25:5-10

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

The Luo tribe in Kenya East Africa did this long before they had Bibles brought to them by missionaries from the West.

How did they know that this was to be done?
God had written this truth within their hearts!

Read Romans 2:14-16

14 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:

15 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;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

The work of the law was written in their hearts.

God desires that the widow have someone to take care of her.
God desires that brothers raise up a righteous seed.

In the Old Testament times it was the natural brother who had the duty to do this.

Today it is a Christian brother.

1st Corinthians 7:39 says:

39 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.**

Notice that it did not say that he had to be single. It said that he had to be in the Lord. Whosoever she will, ONLY in the Lord!

The Israelite brother who failed to do this was spit upon. He was shamed because he failed to do his duty!

Satan has tried and successfully so in many cases to remove our understanding of our **DUTY** as Christian men to raise up a righteous seed. He has sought to harm the widows and leave them uncovered.

Satan has moved men to pass national governmental laws to restrict men from

doing their duty.

Satan has trained religious leaders to teach the false doctrine that men will go to hell when they do their duty.

Satan has perpetuated the BIG lie!

Satan has instituted the "ONLY" Lie!

This is the lie that a man can "ONLY" have one wife.

Chapter 3

NOT IN THE ORIGINAL

Some translations are saying that the Bishop must be above reproach the husband of only one wife.

The word "ONLY" is NOT in the original text.

That word is one the modern translators have added to shore up their belief that man is to have only one wife.

This "ONLY" Lie has been very destructive to many families. When

missionaries arrived in Africa and saw men with three or four wives, they told them they could have only one wife and they were told that they had to divorce all their wives except the first one in order to be saved!

Some men did this since they did not want to go to hell!

But it was a lie!

God has never sent anyone to hell for having more than one wife!

There were Others, who correctly, could not conceive of a Loving God, who would be so cruel as to have them put away their wives and their children.

Even so, enough of the people believed the lie that it has been adopted by most churches and Subsequently, generations of African converts and their children have perpetuated the "ONLY" Lie!

In addition, since women tend to live longer than men, it also means that many widows must struggle without a husband that can help cover and provide and protect them.

This "ONLY" doctrine has harmed millions of women!

Nevertheless, God is now raising up a generation of apostles and prophets to stand up against the "ONLY" Lie!

They are now preaching the truth from God's word.

Chapter 4 INVERSION

Isaiah 5:20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

The word inversion comes from the word invert. To invert means to turn upside down.

This is what Satan does. He tries to turn everything upside down. He inverts things. he calls evil good and good evil!

Satan has twisted thing in the so called civilized world to the point where evil seems good and good sounds evil!

Homosexuality which is Biblically called sodomy is an abomination before God. Yet in the Western world it has become known as "an acceptable alternative lifestyle." Those that speak against it may be accused of a "hate crime"!

On the other hand, Polygyny, (a man having more than one wife) has been deemed evil and is illegal in the Western world. Yet before God this is a perfectly acceptable lifestyle!

What does the Scripture say? Romans 1:21-32

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore **God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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.**

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 **Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

From this there can be no question that homosexuality is evil. It was because of that evil that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorra!

On the other hand, we see in 2nd Samuel 12:7,8 that God gave wives into David's

bosom. IF GOD gave wives it could not be evil!

7 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;

8 And **I gave thee** thy master's house, and **thy master's wives into thy bosom**, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

In Jeremiah chapter 3 and Ezekiel Chapter 23 God speaks metaphorically of Himself having two wives. If God had two wives, Judas and Israel, then it could not be wrong.

In Matthew 25, we see The Bridegroom marries five wise virgins. If polygamy was wrong Jesus would have never used this parable!

We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices! He is the one who seeks to make evil look good and good look evil!

In doing so, Satan seeks to spread his "ONLY" Lie.

Chapter 5

DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

In 1st Timothy 4:1-3 we read the following;

1 **"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

2 **Speaking lies** in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 **Forbidding to marry...**"

It is VERY clear that Paul the apostle warned that in the latter times there would be doctrines of devils.

One of the doctrines of devils is "forbidding to marry"

As the church was taken over by the Rome and became the Roman Catholic church it adopted many of the practices and traditions of Rome.

Early in the church, there were ministers and leaders who were polygamous. By the fifth century the church began to move against this. The primary reason was because the church wanted to inherit any of the property that a priest acquired during his life rather than to have any wealth be inherited by many children.

Eventually the Roman Church moved to have the priests remain celibate They did this even in the face of VERY CLEAR Scripture in 1st Corinthians chapter 9 that the man of God did have the authority to be married. However, in making the ruling the church began to become much richer as it inherited all assets gained by any of its priests!

This was a doctrine of devils. It exalted celibacy as being pure and depicted sexual relations, even with one's own wife, as being debased and impure!

Eventually the church would decree that all men were limited to ONLY ONE wife!

This doctrine of devils is included in the Council of Trent that was held between 1535 and 1565.

In 1563 they issued the edict that any man who said he could have more than one wife was to be accursed!

THIS IS A DOCTRINE OF DEVILS!!!

Even so this doctrine was also picked up by the Protestants as they left the ROMAN Catholic Church and subsequently made into law in America and much of the Western world!

When missionaries went to Africa and other places to take the gospel they also took this doctrine of devils with them.

They preached "Monogamy Only" as the only right way. They were sincere, but they were sincerely wrong! They were including a doctrine of devils in the gospel that they taught.

The native peoples of various countries who were trained by the Western missionaries dutifully took up the message they were taught and even today many continue to teach this doctrine of devils as the only right way!

We must train people in the truth so we can overcome this doctrine of devils regarding this "ONLY" lie!

Chapter 6

DUTY

In Deuteronomy 25:5-10 we read;

5 "If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform **the duty** of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform **the duty** of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;

9 **Then shall his brother's wife** come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and **spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.**

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed."

It was the DUTY of an Israelite to marry his brother's widow and to raise up a name to his brother.

Some tribes in Africa practice this. The Luo tribe is one. I understand they call it wife inheritance. I have been told that they were doing this long before the missionaries came with Bibles. This shows that God was speaking his truth to them directly in their hearts.

In the New Testament there is a slight change. It is no longer the natural brother but rather a spiritual brother that has the **DUTY**.

We read 1st Corinthians 7:39

39 "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.**"

So now it is a Christian brother who has the duty and not a natural brother. It is her choice of what Christian brother that it is!

Notice that the scripture did not say he had to be single.

It only says he must be in the lord.

People who prefer the "ONLY" lie would like to add "any single Christian brother", but it does not say that!

CHAPTER 7 THE LOVE OF GOD

We read in 1st John 3:16-18 the following:

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 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?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Let us look at it again and emphasize certain words.

16 Hereby perceive we **the love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

17 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?

18 My little children, **let us not love** in word, neither in tongue; but **in deed and in truth.**

Now let me rephrase that in my own words.

This is love of God, We ought to lay down our lives for others. If some have the capacity to marry a single believing woman or a widow who is a believer and won't show compassion to do that, how can he say that the love of God dwells in him???

We are to love in deed and in truth!

We must get past just saying words!

What does James say in James 2:15-17;

15 **"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute** of daily food,
16 **And one of you say** unto them, **Depart in peace,** be ye warmed and filled;
notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body;
what doth it profit?
17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead,** being alone."

The "ONLY" Lie has helped to perpetuate this very thing. **The LIE that a man can ONLY have one wife has prevented many women from being loved and cared for. It has prevented many from having children!**

Yet the compassion of God and the work of real faith which is manifested in works would have us help these sisters.

SATAN has perpetuated a twisted diabolical plot to hurt our sisters in Christ and we MUST work together to mitigate the damage and to reverse the errors that have come about through his false doctrines.

Together we can defeat the "ONLY" LIE!!!

What does James 1:22 say?

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."!!!

Let us read that it says in 1st john 4:16-21

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**

20 **If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

21 **And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

We are commanded to love one another. **Love is manifested by satisfying the NEEDS of each other.**

There are women who need to be married but no men to marry them because they have been brainwashed to believe the "ONLY" LIE, that man can "ONLY" have one wife. If we can free brethren from that LIE, we can relieve many widows and single women of their singleness!

True disciples of Jesus Christ must rise up and overcome this "ONLY" LIE!!!

Will we truly love God by keeping his commandment to love or will we seek favor with the religious world which has believed The "ONLY" LIE?

CHAPTER 8 PURE RELIGION

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."

James 1:27

Religion is usually spoken of in a bad light but here in this passage, it is speaks of "pure religion."

We should then pay close attention to find out what "pure religion" really is.

What is it?

TO VISIT

The word visit in the GREEK is the word "episkeptomai" (1980 in Strong's Concordance)

it means to inspect, (by impl.) to select; by extens. to go see, **relieve**, look out, visit.

Although the King James Bible uses the word visit as the interpretation for this, we know that the word of God has more to do with "**relieving**" than just visiting them!

How was that relief to come?

In the Old Testament as we have seen in previous chapters, it was the brother of the dead man who had a duty to go in and raise up a seed to his brother's name.

In the New Testament, it is a Christian brother not a natural brother AND it is her choice. He is to marry her. Even when there is no Christian brother to marry her, it is still about helping and providing for her which is to be done by the relatives.

4 "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."
1st Timothy 5:4

16 "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."
1st timothy 5:16

Even so, please notice that Paul, the apostle also says: that the younger widows (under 60 years old) should marry!

11 "But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;
12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.
13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.
14 **I will therefore that the younger women marry**, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. "

Again, since women live longer than men and since most churches have more women than men, How is it possible for these women to marry, unless some men who are already married, marry them as well?

As we have said before the passage in 1st Corinthians 7:39 says,
39 "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.**"

However the "ONLY" LIE has hindered this!

The scripture **does NOT say** she can marry whom she will **IF he is single!**

It says she can marry "**whom she will; only in the lord.**"

This is God's preferred method of relieving widows and the fatherless. Men, even married men should marry the widows and help raise their children.

We must overcome this "ONLY" LIE!

A man is NOT restricted to "ONLY" one wife!

Chapter 9 NINETY DEGREE TURN

Jesus said "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish!"

To repent means to turn around. It is a change of direction. You were headed toward hell and now you are headed toward heaven. You were headed toward sin and death and now you head toward righteousness and life!

You were following the devil and now you turn completely around and follow Jesus Christ.

True repentance is a 180 degree turn around. That you means you turn around and go exactly opposite of the way that you were going. If before you were headed south, now you are headed north.

If before, you were headed west, then, now you are headed east.

In this area of THE "ONLY" LIE many need to make a full turn around.

Some have turned half way around. they have made a 90 degree turn. Before they would not allow polygamous people to come to church or to participate in Church services. Now they will allow that.

They have turned halfway. They let them (polygamous people) come into the church. Some even let them participate some **BUT...**
THEY STILL REFUSE TO ALLOW THEM TO MARRY ADDITIONAL WIVES!

They still believe that to marry any additional wives is a sin.

Whereas, we would agree that a man must use wisdom and not marry more wives than he can handle, **it is NOT A SIN for man to marry additional wives!**

Indeed some of the men need to marry an additional wife or two to help care for the many widows and the ladies who remain single with no husband.

We must understand and BELIEVE that the doctrine that a man can "ONLY" have one wife is a LIE! **It is LIE from the pit of hell!** It was designed by Satan to harm women and children. It was also designed as a part of Satan's plot that we fail to be fruitful and multiply and raise up a righteous seed!

We are seeking for BOLD leaders who can learn and see this truth who then can go forth and teach it to others.

As more and more people hear the truth and then begin to actually act on the truth, **we will begin to overcome the evil effects of the "ONLY" lie!**

CHAPTER 10

What is Adultery?

In a book called "Animal farm" which is required reading for many school children in America, there is parody of human behaviors using animals.

In the book, the animals on the farm make a constitution. However, over time the definitions of various words change and thus changing the relationships and the interactions of the animals.

This has actually happened in real life with humans. Words have been changed from the original biblical definitions in order to change the meaning of God's intent and to make it man's. So some words have a different meaning in our modern day language.

One of these words is the word "ADULTERY".

In the Bible it comes from the Hebrew word "Naaph" It is number 5003 in Strong's Concordance. It means "a woman who breaks wedlock."

So for adultery to take place a married woman must be involved.

If a woman who is married has sex with someone who is not her husband, THAT is adultery!

If man has sex with another man's wife then THAT is adultery because a married

woman is involved who is breaking wedlock.

Now when a man who is married has sex with a single woman THAT is fornication, which is a sin, but it is NOT adultery.

The penalty for fornication in the Old Testament was that the man had to give the appropriate bride price to the woman's father and he had to marry her and he could never divorce her.

However, the penalty for adultery was DEATH!

The **modern definition** of adultery is a man or a woman who has sex with anyone who is not their one and only marital spouse.

Using **the modern definition it makes it appear that it is a sin for a man to have more than one wife because the definition implies that he can "ONLY" have one.**

This modern definition is NOT a BIBLICAL definition.

It was never consider adultery for a man to have sex with any of his own wives!

This false definition of adultery has helped to perpetuate the "ONLY" LIE!

We must understand the truth of this so we can get back to Bible standards and help the many single women and widows by helping them overcome the "ONLY" Lie!

CHAPTER 11

THE AID's ISSUE

There are some that say that polygamy must not be practiced because of the AID's issue. However, AID's and polygamy are entirely different things.

Aids according to medical doctors can be spread by blood transfusions, the sharing of needles in drug use or by sexual intercourse with a person who has the HIV/AID's virus.

It is my opinion that anyone planning to get married should have everyone involved tested for the virus and for other sexually transmitted diseases before agreeing to marriage.

If a man does not have the HIV/AID'S virus and neither does his wife then a new wife would also have to be checked to see that she does not have it so that the disease is not spread amongst them in marriage relationships.

If no one has the virus and the man is faithful to only his uninfected wives and the wives are faithful to their uninfected husband then there should be no way the virus can enter in among them.

We have sympathy for those that have the HIV/AID's virus and we can pray that they be healed. However, unless a person is healed and that is verified by medical doctors, then he or she should avoid being married so as not to spread it to others.

We thank God that there is no disease that HE is not able to heal.

Chapter 12 IN THE MOUTH...

2 Corinthians 13:1

"This is the third time I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.**"

I am not alone in recognizing the "ONLY" LIE!

Other scholars, men of God who have studied the word and the who have studied the Biblical Greek language also agree that the word "ONLY is not in the Bible in those passages of 1st Timothy 3:2 and 3:12 and Titus 1:6.

They also agree that the word for "one" which is "MIA" in the Greek that is translated as one in most English translations and in many other language translations, should be translated as the article "a".

They also agree that Paul, the apostle was not requiring men to have "ONLY" "ONE" wife, But was instead, indicating a preference for married men to be placed in as elders or deacons or other leadership roles.

Read what these men say in their own words.

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Chapter 13

HUSBAND OF "A" WIFE BY DAVID GIDEON

Throughout the history of Christianity, there have been many controversies over various doctrines of the faith. The issue of polygamy, that is of men having more than one wife, is one of them.

Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of Christians believe that polygamy is a sin. There are several common arguments they will make from Scripture to attempt to prove that point. The one commonly encountered has to do with qualifications that Paul gives for elders and deacons. They are found in the books of 1 Timothy and Titus and read as follows.

A bishop {elder} must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2) KJV

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. (1 Timothy 3:12).

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: if any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. (Titus 1:5-6).

From these passages many assume that Paul is directly stating that it is unlawful for elders and deacons of churches to have two or more wives. While some claim

that this prohibition exists only for church leaders, most believe that it covers everyone. They come to this conclusion because these passages mention specific moral characteristics that lesser should have. The characteristics such as being vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, and hospitable seem to be qualities that every believer should have. The ability to manage a household well seems to apply to every Christian man who is married and has a family. Therefore, many conclude that Paul is including a man having only one wife as being one of those godly characteristics that every man should have. They extrapolate this to mean that single women should only seek to marry men who have no wife. They likewise believe that Paul is opposed to married women encouraging their husbands to take another wife.

The majority of Christians in the world live in countries whose secular culture instills the belief that monogamy is the only valid form of marriage. Throughout the entire world, the established Christian church is preaching this same belief from a spiritual point of view. That is why believers today, especially those who live in cultures that oppose polygamy, flatly reject it. They look at these passages such as the ones listed above and assume that the Word of God attacks this lifestyle.

For more than fifteen years I made the same assumption. **It was only when I was challenged to look at a different point of view that I decided to investigate the matter. I decided to prayerfully study these passages of Scripture to see whether my traditional interpretation of “husband of one wife” was true. I also chose to make use of my knowledge of Biblical Greek, the language of the New Testament. I had studied it as a student at Wheaton College, Illinois, USA for three years. I felt that the Lord would reward me if I had an open mind and heart to receive His truth. The following is the result of my research.**

There are three Greek words that Paul used when saying “husband of one wife.” They are *mia gune aner* (in that order). *Mia* is the word which is translated as one, *gune* as wife, and *aner* as husband. **In the original text the words “only” and “but one” are not found in any relation to these three words.** However, these words have been added to many of the English translations that we have today. Here are a few examples.

New International Version

“now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife . . .” (1 Timothy 3:2).

“a deacon must be the husband of but one wife . . .” (1 Timothy 3:12)

Amplified Bible

“Let deacons be the husbands of but one wife . . .” (1 Timothy 3:12)

“[These elders should be] men who are of unquestionable integrity and are irreproachable, the husband of [but] one wife . . .” (Titus 1:6)

Living Bible

“For a pastor must be a good man whose life cannot be spoken against. He must have only one wife . . .” (1 Timothy 3:12)

New American Standard Version

“Let deacons be husbands of only one wife . . .” (1 Timothy 3:12)

It is obvious that these words have been inserted into the English translations for a reason. It is to convey the meaning that the translators merely believed was intended; that elders and deacons must be monogamous. However, as stated before, these additional words are NOT found in the original text.

(It is interesting to note that the majority, if not all, of the translators of these versions came from Western cultures. **In the Western world polygamy is portrayed as being an evil thing.**)

The next thing that is important to understand is what the original words mean. Since a word can have more than one meaning or interpretation in a language, it is good to look at all the possible definitions. Once that is done, it is necessary to see how the word is used in various contexts. Then one will get a better feel for how a word should be translated in a given situation.

According to Bauer’s Greek lexicon, the word *gune* can only mean an adult female or a wife. The word *aner* can only mean an adult male, a generic person (similar to how we say ‘God created man on the earth’), or husband. Once again, the context obviously calls for the interpretation to be a husband. However, the word *mia* does have another definition that can be substituted for the one traditionally given in English translations. Let’s first look at what all the meanings for *mia* are. (It must be noted that the word *mia* comes before feminine nouns in Greek. There is another word, *heis*, which means the same exact thing as *mia* but comes before masculine nouns. Nevertheless, to keep it simple, we will refer to that word as *mia* throughout most of this essay).

One translation for the word *mia* is the cardinal number one. (Cardinal numbers are numbers like one, two, or three). A second translation for the word is the

ordinal number first. (Ordinal numbers are numbers like first, second, or third). A third possible translation are the words a certain, and a fourth is the singular indefinite article (a or an). Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon says the following about mia being translated as an indefinite article. "The numerical force of this word . . . Is so often weakened that it hardly differs from the indefinite pronoun . . . Or from our indefinite article:".

The cardinal number one is a word that is frequently used in any language. Therefore it is no surprise that in the majority of cases in the New Testament the word mia is translated that way. This holds true especially since the New Testament frequently speaks of there being only one God and one body of Christ. However, as stated, there are passages of Scripture where one of the other meanings must be the proper translation.

The following verses are good examples of where mia has to be translated as first.

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the sepulchre. (Matthew 28:1).

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:2).

A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject.

There is another word in Greek that is used far more frequently for first. That word is protos. In these passages however, the word mia means the same exact thing as protos does in other places. This provides one example of how a word can have more than one meaning.

Along with that, it is possible to see in other Scriptures how mia should be translated as 'a certain.'

And a certain scribe came, and said unto him Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. (Matthew 8:19).

And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body, and the young men laid hold on him. (Mark 14:51).

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean (Luke 5:12).

In the English language, it would be cumbersome to use the word one in these places.

Finally, there are places where the indefinite article makes for the best translation.

The following verses are examples of these.

And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only . . .” (Matthew 21:19).

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven . . .” (Revelation 8:13).

And I saw an angel standing in the sun.” (Revelation 19:17).

I am convinced that the indefinite article is the proper translation for mia, instead of one, in the 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6 passages. Therefore, the words mia gune aner should be read as husband(s) of a wife and not husband(s) of one wife.

I believe that Paul is only stating that if candidates for deacons and elders have families, they must show evidence that they are managing them well. In order for a man to have a family to manage, it is assumed that he has a wife (or more than one wife). This of course leaves out situations where a man is either widowed, divorced legitimately, or has incurred familial responsibilities through mistakes previously made (for which he has repented). This also does not disqualify a candidate who is single, since Paul himself was single and yet an apostle. According to Scripture, an apostle has even greater authority in the church than deacons and elders.

Paul’s statements in 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6 can also be compared to a man who owns a company that delivers small merchandise to stores. If he cannot provide a vehicle for the employee, he will state that in any employment advertisement he puts out. He will say in it that the applicant must be the owner of a car. **In making such a statement he is not claiming that the potential employee must have only one car. He can have two or three, since it only takes one car to make the deliveries. The emphasis then is not on how many cars the applicant owns, only that he has at least one to do the job.**

To give further evidence of why mia should be translated as an indefinite article instead of one, we can look to the only other place in the New Testament where mia, gune, and aner, come together. (In this passage the word heis is used instead of mia). This is found in 1 Timothy 5:9.

In this passage we see the words being used in a way opposite that of 1 Timothy 2:2,12 and Titus 1:6. Here the situation deals with widowed wives who had been married to husbands. Paul is listing the requirements for such women who choose to receive assistance from the church. It reads as follows.

“Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man.”

The question we must ask is whether Paul was saying that widowed women had to be monogamous while married, or not. If they weren't, they would have been polyandrous, meaning that they had two or more husbands.

It is obvious that this could not be what he meant since polyandry was never a part of the patriarchal Jewish culture. Why is it that when the words come together in 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6 the translators insist that Paul is speaking about monogamy, but not here?

Many will say that one is the proper translation for heis by claiming that women can not have been married more than once. If this were true there would obviously be discrimination, since in many cases a woman is not at fault for losing a husband at two different times. This can happen fairly easily if there is either a war, a plague, or a great persecution against the church taking place in a particular area.

It makes the most sense to believe that Paul was merely repeating the fact that she had to have had a husband, not only one husband. This would make it possible to translate heis in the same way in all the passages where the words (mia or heis), gune, and aner come together.

Lastly, in speaking of 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6, we must address the main problem of translating mia gune aner, as husband of one wife and not husband of a wife.

To translate it in the traditional way would mean that many of the faithful men of God in the Old Testament would be considered too sexually immoral to even be deacons. Abraham, who was spoken of as being the father of all who have faith in Christ (Romans 4:12), and was called the friend of God (James 2:23) would not qualify. Moses, who Scripture called the most humble man on the Earth in his time (Numbers 12:3), and was given the responsibility for the people of Israel through the wilderness, would likewise not qualify. David, who God referred to as being a man after His won heart (1 Samuel 13:14), and was chosen to be king over Israel would also be considered too perverted to serve in that office.

Many have said that since this Scripture proves monogamy to be a moral characteristic, a man with more than one wife at the time of receiving Christ must divorce all his wives in order to be saved. **They believe that God actually loves divorce in these situations. They claim that the Lord is glorified by seeing women ripped away from their husbands (which makes them adulteresses) and children from one of their parents.**

The missionaries who originally brought the gospel to sub-Saharan Africa, where polygamy was regularly practiced, followed this principle. As a result, many women who were sent away had great difficulty in supporting themselves without a husband. Since many were divorced at an older age, they were not able to find

other men to love and marry them. In order to support themselves, a good deal of them resorted to the only means they could think of to provide an income, prostitution.

For reasons of common sense, as well as the experience from history, it can be safely assumed that this belief is flawed. Nowhere in the Scriptures do we ever see God trying to break up a family.

Because of the negative impact of the missionaries handling the polygamy issue, many have softened their position while still claiming that polygamy is a sin. Today, many are saying that if a man has more than one wife at the time of his repentance, he should keep the wives he has, but not marry any more. However, they still feel that he should be banned from becoming a deacon or an elder because of their interpretation of the 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6 passages.

This too presents a big problem. By holding to this view they proclaim that God can hold a sin against someone long after receiving salvation. (This is assuming, as many do, that polygamy is a sin). As a result of the “sin” committed while being a non-Christian, the believer is considered for the rest of his life as being banned from having the joy of being a caretaker of God’s sheep. It is only if he is “lucky enough” to lose all his wives except one, in one way or another, that he can be a deacon or an elder.

It means that men who are homosexuals, rapists, child molesters, and murderers can all receive salvation, mature as Christians, and eventually become leaders. Someone else who was a polygamist, who did nothing different from what Abraham, Moses, and David did, cannot.

Lastly, there are those who contend that it is not sinful for a man to be polygamous if he is not aspiring to be a leader in the church. They claim that a man with two or more wives will have too many responsibilities at home to adequately take care of God’s people.

For this we need to ask ourselves the following questions. Does a man with two wives and no children automatically have less responsibility at home than a man with one wife and ten children? If a man has a ministry large enough to support a polygamous family with two wives, does he necessarily have less time to minister than does a man with one wife, a small ministry, and a secular job requiring 50 hours of work per week? The answers to both questions is obviously “no.” They demonstrate for us the weakness of this particular position.

Considering all things, it is obvious that God never intended for these passages to be an injunction against polygamy. He likewise never meant these to serve as a prohibition against men of God with more than one wife from serving as leaders in His Church. The time has come to put aside the traditions of men and to stop letting these keep us from believing what is

right. I have made this decision, will you?

Chapter 14

The discourse on "husband of One wife" By Dr. Stephan Garland

The phrase in 1Tim 3:2&12 and Titus 1:5-7 is rendered in English, regardless of version, as husband of one wife" "Gunaikov being woman or wife and "andra" being husband. "miav" is the feminine of "heis/mia/hen". The use of the gender here only applies because of the specific gender to the word being modified (genitive noun) in this case "gune". No change of meaning is implied by gender.

This phrase follows the syntactic flow of the Greek being; genitive numeral--> genitive noun-->accusative/nominative noun

Our problem is that "mia" has several possible meanings in English (one, first, a certain, a) and we will look at each of these.

ONE

The most commonly used interpretation of "mia" is the numerical value of **one**. However popular this interpretation, it seems unlikely because the limitation of using the numerical value of one in these statements is not justified anywhere else in Scripture. We must use Scripture to interpret Scripture, using what is clear to define what is not clear, and using the Law and the Prophets to interpret all other writings including the New Testament.

In the law of Moses there are provisions made for first wives (Ex 21:10-11) and their firstborn sons (Dt 21:15-17) (logically, this implies the possible existence of a second or several more wives), then there is the Levirate Law which could in its application create situations where a married man, being the only living brother of the deceased, would have had to become a polygamist in order to raise up seed

unto his brother (Dt 25:5-10)

Biblical interpreters have used this "numerical value" interpretation to translate the original texts into common languages, due to a declaration of monogamy by the Roman Catholic church in the 1500's (around the same time the Catholic Church completed the canonization of what we call our Bible) and all religious writing was interpreted in such a way as to favor the dictates of the Pope, including all the classic commentaries. Now that our society is predisposed to follow the monogamy of the Roman Empire and HER Church, all interpreters tend to follow the same line of thinking today, forgetting that Scripture must interpret Scripture.

In consideration of the weight of information in Scripture approving plural marriage and the men in these marriages, who are given such descriptions as the "friend of Jehovah", "a man after Jehovah's own heart", "mighty man of valor". etc, who could say that such a lifestyle, is sinful. Then, for Jehovah to depict his relationship to Israel as polygynous in Eze 23, and for Jesus to depict himself as the bridegroom marrying the 5 wise of the 10 virgins, we can only conclude that this is an approved practice for those called to it.

In addition, Paul and Jesus would have to be disqualified from ministry if the overseer had to have one wife, no more and no less. Since Scripture presents Paul and Jesus both as single and celibate. Paul would be contradicting himself if he meant that only a man with one wife qualified as a overseer or a deacon.

Therefore the concept of only one wife isn't supportable taking into account all of Scripture.

FIRST

The use of "first" in this passage would certainly allow for the possibility of, and imply as acceptable practice, a plurality of wives, as long as the overseer remained married to his first wife. While, I find that this rendering is theologically accurate, I would conclude that Paul would have been more inclined to use the word "protos" if this was his intended meaning.

A CERTAIN

The use of "a certain" doesn't fit the circumstances, as the certain wife that this would imply is not identified and would create confusion, or at worst validate the practice of marrying for position as commonly practiced in the Roman Empire.

A

The use of the indefinite article "a" is the last option we will examine for the interpretation of this passage. Greek, like French and German, used a numerical value of one "mia/une/ein" as an indefinite article in their speech. This usage, does not limit the possibilities to only one in Scripture, as many theologians claim, just as it doesn't in French and German, but is used to generalize.

Consider the French state of 2 Tim 3:2 "mari d'uneseule femme" which is translated "husband to his woman" and some translate it as "husband of an alone woman", that she was married only one time (except in the case of a widow) and verse 12 "des maris fideles" translated "be faithful husbands". The French interpretation of the scriptures supports the use of the indefinite article here, in that they are referring to the man being married and not caught up in adultery.

In German these verses are even more explicit in their interpretation, "Mann einer frau" translated "man of a woman".

So then, the same text in French, German, Greek and likewise English must be rendered the same to maintain the consistency of thought of Scripture. The only condition placed on those seeking leadership and service in the church is that the man must be married. But it is interesting that the French ties this with the admonition against adultery.

1 This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of [**one/first/a certain/a**] wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;** 5 **(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)** 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. - 1 Timothy 3:1-7

The context of the passage is the giving of direction to assist Timothy (and others) in identifying men who are suitable to oversee the "ecclesia" (local assembly). So then, this is not doctrine to define what an acceptable marriage is, but instruction on identifying suitable men to manage the affairs of the church. The statement, "One that ruleth well his own house having his children in subjection with all gravity" is predicated upon the belief that the man being examined is married and that if the man is were not married, he would have no household and no children.

This is confirmed by the rhetorical question Paul asks "For if man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God. " Which shows that a man who does not have a household to manage or one who manages it poorly is disqualified.

So then, the context only places the restriction of marriage upon the one being examined, not the quantity of wives, for a man with more than one wife is capable of managing the affairs of his own household, having his children in subjection, just as a man with one wife, and in many situations the man with plural wives is better prepared than the man with only one.

Since Paul is speaking here to a gentile church it would be unlikely that the issue of plural marriage would even be considered since the practice was illegal in the Roman Empire, which supports the belief that Paul only intended for us to understand that an Overseer and a deacon need to be married to qualify for service. Why would Paul have specified one wife if there weren't believers in the churches who had more than one wife?

I would therefore conclude, based on the context of the passage and the audience, that the phrase is to be interpreted as "Husband of a wife", which fits both the context of the passage and the balance of Scripture, clearly defining that polygyny was/is an acceptable practice.

Chapter 15

In That Day!

The phrase "in that day" often times refers to the day of the Lord.

In Matthew chapter seven we read.

21 "**Not every one** that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will** of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me **in that day**, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

In 2 Thessalonians chapter two, we read;

1 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by **our gathering together unto him**,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand**.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

Here we see "**that day**" associated with our gathering together unto him and the coming of the lord, which **is the day of Christ**.

Now let's read what it says in Isaiah chapter two;

9 "And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be

bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

12 For **the day of the LORD of hosts** shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:"

20 **"In that day** a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, **for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty,** when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

As we go on to chapter three we read:

7 **"In that day** shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory."

18 **In that day the Lord** will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

Finally we come to chapter four. It is obvious that all of these are in the same context. It is the time of the end of this age and the time of the coming of the Lord!

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.**

2 **In that day** shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 **And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,** even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 **When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,** and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

There is the temptation with such passages that are so full of symbolic meaning to go into many other areas. However, the question asked revolves around the seven women marrying one man so let us try to stay with that.

Seven is God's number for perfection. Therefore, it does not necessarily mean that every man will have seven women. Some might have seven others might have three or four or what ever amount. The principle is, though, that a number of women will be willing to marry one man.

WHY?

Why then and not so much now?

"TO Take away our reproach" The scripture says.

What is a reproach?

It is a shame.

Why is there shame?

Because of a lack of covering.

The appropriate spiritual covering.

3 "But I would have you know, **that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 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.

6 **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.**

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 **For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."**

1st Corinthians 11:3-10

Mankind without Christ is naked.

We see when Jesus is taken to be crucified there is a young man who flees naked.

Mark 14:51-53

51 "And there followed him a certain **young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body**; and the young men laid hold on him:
52 And **he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked**.
53 And **they led Jesus away** to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes."

Ezekiel 16:7,8

7 "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 grown, **whereas thou wast naked and bare**.
8 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 swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.**"

The soul without he covering of the spirit is naked, and woman without the covering of the man is naked.

Nakedness is a shame.

In that day, all will know as they are known. All errors and failures become apparent.

1st Corinthians 13:10-12

10 But **when that which is perfect is come**, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then **face to face**: now I know in part; but **then shall I know even as also I am known**.

The immediate reaction for all believers is to correct the error. They wish to cover their nakedness in the presence of The Lord.

Thus they seek to have a husband to cover them. (Spiritually)

The requirement for a man to marry a woman is that he be able to provide food and clothing (that is natural food and natural clothing).

Exodus 21:10,

10 "If he take him another wife; **her food, her raiment, and her duty of**

marriage, shall he not diminish."

The women now eliminate the food and apparel as a requirement because they want to take away the reproach. They agree to marriage without those requirements.

Most women, even believing women today, do not know that they **SHOULD** be under the authority of their father or when married under the authority of their husband. They have been taught to think that women are equal to men and therefore can stand alongside men without any submission to man.

They fail to see that God set the natural up to be a picture of the spiritual. To say that the woman is not to be under the man is to say that the soul need not submit the spirit and that the Church need not submit to Christ.

The natural realm is a type, pattern and picture of the spiritual dimension.

Those believers that have refused to be obedient to God's order will have to go back and get that correct **BEFORE** they can experience the mortal putting on immortality.

The day of the Lord is still in the future.

If to spiritually cover themselves, up to seven women, at that time, seek to marry one man, then it could not possibly be a sin for a man to have more than one wife!

**LET US DO ALL WE CAN TO SPREAD THE TRUTH
AND TO DEFEAT THE "ONLY" LIE!!!**

Chapter 16

LOVING THE PRAISE...

In John chapter 12 we read:

42 "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also **many believed on him; but** because of the Pharisees **they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:**

43 **For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."**

Now today on this issue of a man having more than one wife, we once again face a situation where many love the praise of men more than the praise of God!

There are many ministers that will learn the truth but will not confess the truth for they fear persecution from other ministers who would put them out of fellowship, IF they dared teach or practice this truth!

There are **many** that **would rather stay in good with** their "**Monogamy Only**" fellow **ministers than to stand up for truth** and help **relieve** the **anguish** of the many single Christian **women!**

These are **people** who **love the praise of men more than the praise of God!!!**

Now the question is: **What about YOU, dear reader?**

Now that you know the truth will you teach the truth?

Do you love the praise of men more than the praise of GOD???

Are you willing to suffer for His name sake?

Are you willing to teach and preach the truth???

Are you willing to go against and resist...

THE "ONLY" LIE???

THE END

