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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Marriage**

"Marriage, friends, is a lifelong feast; love is no light lunch." – Garrison Keillor, *We Are Still Married*

"Marriage is an edifice that must be rebuilt every day." – Andre Maurois

"Marriage is a fine and sacred thing if you make it so." – William Lyon Phelps

"A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers." – Robert Quillen

"It takes two to make a marriage a success and only one to make it a failure." – Herbert Samuel

"Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because he was taken out of Man.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:22-24).

As the text bears out so clearly, a wife is feminine and the man is masculine. They (each of the opposite sex) are to be joined together. This is considered natural, whereas the homosexual marriage is "against nature" (Rom. 1:26).

When God's definition of marriage is honored, it can lead to a happy and thriving life. In this way children are to be brought into this world. That is why the Hebrew writer stated, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4).

There are spiritual ramifications that come with disobeying God's laws concerning marriage. "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites . . . will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:10). If marriages of the same sex are alright, why then did Paul state, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11)?

What is sad is that those of a perverted marriage don't see how this will affect their eternity. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral . . . shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Marriage between a man and a woman, as designed by a holy and righteous God, is a beautiful relationship. How sad that man would corrupt such a wonderful blessing.