

A photograph of a couple holding hands against a sunset background. The woman is on the left, wearing a pink top, and the man is on the right, wearing a blue plaid shirt. Their hands are clasped in the center, with a diamond ring visible on the man's finger. A dark purple banner with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

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**“An affront in the face of the
almighty God.”**

(Robert Jeffress, 1st Baptist, Dallas)

**“There is no scripture in the Bible that
condemns same-sex marriage.”**

(Eric Folkerth, Northaven United Methodist)

**“For those who insist on preserving
'biblical marriage,' which of the Bible's
versions should we choose?”**

(Steve Blow, *Dallas Morning News*)

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Gen. 1:27

God created both male and female.

Gen. 2:18-24

- **Man needed a companion.**
- **A help “comparable” – not exact replica, but human of different gender.**
- **Man (male) leave father and mother, cleave to wife (female), become one flesh.**

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Mat. 19:4-6

**One male and one female, joined together
by God into one life-long entity.**

**In 4000 years, God's original
definition of marriage had not
changed one wit!**

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One male, one female, for life.

- **Moses championed it – Gen. 2**
- **King Lemuel championed it – Pro. 31**
- **Malachi championed it – Mal. 2**
- **Paul championed it – Rom. 7, 1 Cor. 7, Eph. 5**
- **Jesus championed it – Mat. 5, Mat. 19**

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Arranged Marriage:

- **Majority method for marriage up to 18th century.**
- **Before 18th century, me choosing my mate would have been considered odd and possibly dangerous.**
- **Nothing about it violates principle of one man, one woman, for life – therefore no Bible condemnation.**

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Inner-Family Marriage:

- In man's early existence, necessary.
- In man's early existence, no indication of danger to offspring – no longer true.
- When no longer necessary or profitable, Lev. 18 condemned it for Israel.
- 1 Cor. 5:1 – Even Gentiles condemned it.
- Not fundamentally a violation of one man, one woman, for life.

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Concubines

- **Apparent product of desire for marriage to remain only between partners of equal social status.**
- **Hagar, Abraham's concubine, was Sarah's handmaiden – of lower social status.**
- **1 Kings 11:3 – Solomon had 700 wives (royal), 300 concubines (common).**
- **Clear violation of original marriage intent.**

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Multiple Wives (Polygamy)

- **Not uncommon, even among men of God – Jacob, David, Solomon, etc.**
- **Clear violation of original marriage intent.**

Divorce And Remarriage

- **Introduced by men.**
- **Mat. 19 – Clear violation of original marriage intent.**

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Why Divorce Allowed In Deut. 24:1-4?

- **Question answered in Mat. 19:8.**
- **Not because God had softened His desire of one man, one woman, for life.**
- **Because of the hardness of Israel's hearts.**
- **Not a ringing endorsement of divorce!!!**

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Why Divorce Allowed In Deut. 24:1-4?

- **Jesus calls men back to God's original intent of one man, one woman, for life.**
- **If men don't like it? Don't get married – Mat. 19:11-12.**

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Why God's Permissiveness Of Concubines And Polygamy?

- **Bible never gives either one the ringing endorsement given to one man, one woman, for life. No writer champions them.**
- **In every case of either, trouble ensues. No family strengthened, no man of God made better, no man of God did not suffer.**

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- **Acts 17:30 – O.T. days were “times of ignorance God overlooked.” But those times are gone! Now God commands all men everywhere to repent. Now God will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained (Jesus Christ).**

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The Bible never, for even a single moment, gives even a hint of compromise about marriage being between a MAN and a WOMAN.

- **Never read of marriage between two males or two females.**
- **Homosexuality is condemned consistently, from Gen. to Rev. (NOTE: 1 Cor. 6:9-10)**

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Social norms change, but the Christian has an anchor both sure and steadfast – hope in the never-changing counsel of our ever-wise and ever-truthful God (Heb. 6:17-19).

Marriage may be evolving, but God's law of marriage is not.