

Marriage Is Honorable in All

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). Sadly, we live in a time when many do not view marriage as an honorable joining together of male and female. In many homes, marriage is viewed as a prison instead of precious. However, the writer of Hebrews affirmed that marriage was in fact an honorable union. Interestingly, this idea of honorable carries with it the idea of something “of great price, precious, esteemed” (Thayer, e-sword). Why would the Holy Spirit declare marriage to be honorable?

First, marriage is honorable in its derivation. Simply stated, marriage originated in the mind of God! Marriage is that wonderful, sacred institution designed by an All-Wise Creator for His creation. That fact alone causes marriage to be precious! When God created Adam in the paradise of Eden, He saw that man was all alone and needed a helpmeet (cf. Genesis 2:18). In that wonderful garden so many centuries ago, God created woman, to be a helper and encourager to her husband. God instituted and regulated the honorable union of eligible male with eligible female thus creating marriage, a truly honorable relationship.

Secondly, marriage is honorable in its duration. Sadly, we live in an age where many do not revere this God-given, honorable union. Marriage is ordained by God Himself, and He expects us to uphold that sacred union for life! Jesus, in His masterful teaching, gave but **one** reason (outside of death) for this honorable institution to ever be separated (cf. Matthew 5:31-32; 19:1-9). “Until death do us part” must not be just a catchy phrase uttered at a wedding ceremony! The marriage bond, contrary to what many believe, is a lifelong commitment. Marriage is not disposable! Often, Americans rejoice with their mates until something “better” comes along. How sad and how tragic! Contrary to what many Americans say (which include some false teachers and preachers of God’s Word), the Bible still says, “Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth” (Proverbs 5:18). The precious relationship given by God is for better or for worse and until death do us part. Marriage is honorable in its duration!

Although surrounded by a world that does not revere and uphold the preciousness of the marriage bond, may we, as God’s children, understand that marriage is truly an honorable relationship. Honorable in its derivation and in its duration, marriage is honorable in all! May God bless our marriages as we honor and cherish them for life!

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