

# **7 Reasons Marriage Is Honorable Among All**

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## **Introduction**

- i. The American home is in trouble today. The statistics are rather depressing.
- ii. Former President Ronald Reagan stated that, "The family is the cornerstone of the American Society."
- iii. Marriage is not held in high esteem in our society today as God would have it.

## **1. God Designed Marriage!**

- a. "And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she 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. 2:23-24).
- b. It was not designed by man as a way to satisfy himself.
- c. It was not a way for man to keep women enslaved.

## **2. Marriage Is in Man's Best Interest!**

- a. It is not good for man to be alone (Gen. 2:18).
- b. Two are better than one (Ecc. 4:9).
- c. It is designed to help avoid immorality (1 Cor.7:2)

## **3. God Is Involved in Every Marriage!**

- a. "What God joined together..." (Matt. 19:6).
- b. Marriage is not just a contract between a man and woman.

## **4. Marriage Is Honored By Christ!**

- a. By miracle (John 2:1-11).
- b. By parable (Matt. 22:2ff).
- c. In selecting the church to be his wife (Eph. 5:31-32).

## **5. The Marriage Bed Is undefiled!**

- a. The fornicator's bed is defiled and will be judged (Heb. 13:4)
- b. The adulterer's bed is defiled and will be judged. (Heb. 13:4)
- c. It does matter whether or not one is married.

## **6. God Hates Divorce!**

- a. "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. 'For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously'" (Mal. 2:14-16).
- b. God hates what divorce does to husbands, wives and children.

## **7. Fornicators and Adulterers God Will Judge!**

- a. "Fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4).
- b. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10).
- c. "And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:12-13).