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PILLAR THREE: FERTILITY

The third pillar of man's foundation is **fertility**. "*Be fruitful and multiply*" was the first blessing God spoke to mankind. He said, "*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*" (Gen. 1:28). Had Eve not sinned, she would have had children without pain in child bearing. We do not see any other animals having the degree of pain and sorrow that women have when they give birth—This is part of the curse for Eve's sin: "*I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In sorrow you shall bring forth children*" (Gen.3:16). This wasn't God's ideal design for woman, but the consequence of sin.

Then 1500 years later, God

destroyed the earth with a flood, because sin was so rampant. He spared Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives. There were only eight people left: Four married couples, and only three couples were fertile.

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, and upon all that moves upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given unto you all things. But flesh with the life thereof,

which is the blood thereof, you shall not eat....” (Gen.9:1-5). We are never supposed to eat blood. This is why Jews slit the animal’s throat and hang it upside down to let the blood run out.

“Whosoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man. And be you fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein” (vv.6-7). God repeated the law of fertility to Noah and his sons.

He also instituted capital punishment for murder. The reason God didn’t kill Cain for murdering Abel is, at that time there was no written law against it. Now God put in place the law that if somebody kills somebody, he must give his life, and this is the reason for capital punishment according to the Bible: *Because he murdered somebody who is made in the image of God.* If you kill a donkey or a horse, etc., it’s not good, but you will not get capital punishment. The problem today is, people don’t believe there is a Creator God. They believe we came from monkeys. We may be at the top of the totem pole, but we are still from monkeys, and a man’s life is not seen in the light of the Bible.

God established His first covenant with man, in which God said that never again would He destroy all flesh with a flood of waters; nor would He destroy the earth with a flood again. In token of this covenant, God set a rainbow in the clouds as a reminder of *“the everlasting*

covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth” (Gen. 9:11-16). All men of every nation and ethnicity are descendants of Noah’s three sons: *“...of them was the whole earth overspread”* (Gen. 9:19).

PILLAR FOUR: MONOGAMY

We have seen that man and woman were to have *equality, dominion, fertility, and monogamy*: We read in Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5 & Eph. 5:31: *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.”*

“One husband and one wife” is God’s design for marriage. When God gave the Ten Commandments, He ordained the 7th commandment: *“You shalt not commit adultery,”* and it was punishable by death. Originally, God did not intend for marriage to end in divorce. This was clearly addressed by Jesus in Matthew 19: The Pharisees came to Jesus, and in their usual way, they tried to ensnare Him in order to find some fault in His teachings. This time they decided to use marriage, and they came to Him *“tempting Him,”* with a trick question: *“Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?”* (vs. 3). (In the KJV *“put away”* means *“to divorce”*, so we will use *divorce* to be clear.) *“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for every cause?”* What they meant was *“for any cause other than adultery”*: Because you don’t like her anymore, for irreconcilable differences. Chris-

tians really shouldn't have irreconcilable differences. In fact, God gave us the ministry of reconciliation and put the word of reconciliation in our mouth. We are to tell people, "Be ye reconciled to Christ" (2 Cor. 5:18-20). Husbands and wives who are having problems, I am telling you what God said, "Be reconciled." There should be no unreconcilable differences between husbands and wives who are in Christ.

When they asked, "*Is it lawful to divorce your wife for any reason?*," Jesus said, "*In the beginning God made them male and female...*" He skipped over Moses, because Moses is not God. He said, "*In the beginning God made them male and female and said...*" (Who said? **God said!**) "*For this cause shall a man leave his mother and father, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain (two) shall be one flesh*" (vs. 5). Then Jesus tacked on this warning: "*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder*" (vs. 6).

He was talking to Pharisees who were doing that very thing. They got rid of their wives and remarried anytime they felt like it. And we see it in the ministry today, but Jesus said, "*At the beginning it was not so.*"

They were pretty bold, and they came right back at Him: "*Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*" Jesus quickly corrected them. He said, "*Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to divorce your wives...*" (He allowed—

not commanded!) "*...But from the beginning it was not so*" (vv. 7-8).

Jesus basically told them, "*I don't care what Moses allowed,*" but what God commanded at the beginning." Then His words slapped them in the face: "*And Moses allowed it because of the hardness of your hearts.*" (Because they were divorcing their wives for no cause and sending them away to face hardships.) *But from the beginning it was not so!* God's design is one wife for life.

When a Christian starts saying, "Can I get a divorce?", what he/she is really saying is, "I have a hard heart." They should be saying, "How can I save my marriage? What can I do to be reconciled?"

Jesus clarified God's commandment: "*And I say unto you, Whosoever shall divorce his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery: and who-so marries her which is divorced does commit adultery*" (vs. 9). The Pharisees did not like this one bit. Even His disciples said, "If this be the case, then it is better to just not get married." Now to me, these men obviously had women problems, or they wouldn't have kept getting divorced and remarried, so do you really think they were not going to get married at all and be celibate all their life? I don't think so!

Jesus answered that not all men can be celibate, because celibacy is a gift that God gives to certain ones, like He did Paul. These can receive it, because God will enable them. But God's design for man is not to dwell

alone, but to marry and be fruitful, and this means one living wife who shares equality, dominion, fertility, monogamy, and **heterosexuality**.

PILLAR FIVE: HETEROSEXUALITY

These same Scriptures that teach monogamy also teach **heterosexuality**, which is our fifth pillar: *“Therefore shall a man leave his mother and father, and shall cleave unto his wife. And they two, says the Lord, shall be one flesh.”* God did **not** say, *“Therefore shall a man leave his mother and father, and shall cleave unto **his husband**.”* He did not say, *“and cleave unto **his significant other**.”*

Genesis 1:27-28 states, *“Male and female created he them, and God blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply.”* Neither two men nor two women can multiply. They must bring in a third member of the opposite sex, and this violates the marriage covenant of two being one—**not three**. They have to bring in a third party in order to procreate.

We saw when God created Eve, He put Adam to sleep and took a rib out of his side and made her, *“and God brought the woman unto the man”* (Gen. 2:22). Isn’t that romantic! God brought the woman to the man. It doesn’t say that God brought *a man to a man*, or *a woman to a woman*. Such a union can never produce a *godly seed*, and this is God’s desire (Mal. 2:15). It can only serve to create perverse and damnable lusts which are condemned by Scripture:

“You shall not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is an abomi-

nation” (Lev.18:22). An *abomination*, according to the dictionary, *is something to be abhorred, which means to detest, to view with repugnance, to shrink with horror, and to repudiate*. Finally, repudiate means *to refuse to acknowledge, to refuse, to have dealings with it, to disclaim, to cast off, to renounce and put it away*. All of these is what God said about a man with a man sexually.

Lev. 20:13: *“If a man also lie with a man as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death.”* Deut. 23:17: *“There shall be no sodomite of the sons of Israel.”* You can’t get any clearer than this.

To the N.T. church Paul wrote in Rom. 1:21-22: *“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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”*

Those who support the gay agenda in this country think that they are the intellectuals of the country, and they are superior in knowledge than those who reject it. But the Bible says that their foolish hearts are darkened, and they become fools, and what does a fool do? *“The fool says in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works, there is none that does good”* (Ps. 14:1).

“And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into the image of corruptible man, and to birds, and

*four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore, God also gave them up to **uncleanness** through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen.*

“For this cause God gave them up to vile affections. For even their women did change the natural use into that which was against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lusts one towards another; men with men working that which is unseemly (indecent), and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do things which are not convenient” (Rom. 1:23–28).

Three times this reads: “*God gave them up*”: to **uncleanness**, which in Greek means *aberrant sex which deviates from the normal*; to **vile affections**, which means *dishonorable passions*, and to a **reprobate mind** which means *to be void of the ability to make sound judgments*. It is important to note that the tone in the Greek conveys the idea that *God reluctantly gave them up and over* to aberrant lusts and the consequences will bring, because they defiled the bodies that He made male and female, in His own image, and changed that image into a lie.

Homosexuality dishonors the body in that it changes the truth of God’s creation, His original design of man and wife as one flesh, into a lie which deviates God’s image into that which is against His design. They leave the natural use of the body for aberrant lust, and therefore, God gave them up to a reprobate mind *to do those things which are not convenient*. The Greek means *which are improper*, because they deviate from God’s order.

Homosexuals who claim to be saved do not retain God, *the God of the Bible*, in their knowledge. They have made up their own god who is such a god of love that he looks away from all their sins. Then they tell themselves, “*I’m like this, because God made me this way,*” **and they call God a liar**. I think this may be the worst sin of all. God said, “I made you male and female,” and they said, “No, You made me a homosexual. You made me a lesbian.” They call Him a liar, because their minds are void of truth and darkened by lusts.

We are describing the family the way God designed it. If the family is destroyed, it’s the foundation on which the kingdom of God sets. There will be a natural kingdom and a physical kingdom even in the great ages to come (and the Bible doesn’t tell us everything that’s going to happen), but after the Tribulation and Millennial Reign, there will continue to be a natural people on Earth *having families*, because that was God’s original design. We,

the redeemed, won't be having families, because we will be a spiritual people higher than the angels. But there will always be natural families on the earth.

PILLAR SIX: OCCUPATION

The final pillar of man's family foundation is *his* **responsibility to work**, which we mentioned earlier in reference to Jesus working as a carpenter before He began His ministry. Some might ask: "Isn't that part of the curse?" No, read Genesis 2:5, before Adam and Eve were created, "*And there was not a man to till the ground.*" After God formed Adam out of the ground, but before He made Eve, verse 15 states: "*And the Lord God took the man, and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*" Man was created to work. In fact, when God gave the 10 Commandments, He said, "*You shall work six days and rest one*"—not work seven days.

God created us for happiness and harmony, and these six pillars uphold and secure the family structure as God designed it. Each of these provides a divine blessing, and the whole constitutes God's perfect plan for men and women.