

# MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE IN ALL

## Introduction:

1. In our world, there is much misunderstanding about marriage.
2. There is also much abuse of the institution of marriage.
3. Yet, the Bible declares that marriage is honorable.
4. Let us consider why...

## I. The Honor of Marriage

- A. The word "honorable" means, "valuable, costly, esteemed or honored; as of great price, precious."
  1. It also is translated as "precious," "dear," and "reputation" (cf. Acts 5:34).
  2. It is used for our "precious" faith (1 Pet. 1:7).
  3. It is used for the "precious" blood of Christ (1:19).
  4. It is used for the "precious" promise of Heaven (2 Peter 1:4).
- B. The ASV renders the verse this way: "Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled...."
  1. Thus, marriage is honorable in every way.
  2. And, it is to be honored by all people.
- C. Why is marriage honorable, precious and of such value?
  1. It is ordained by God (Gen. 2:21-25; Mat. 19:6).
  2. It is a blessed arrangement for man (Genesis 2:18; Proverbs 18:22; Ruth 3:1).
  3. It is the perfect design for the home (Eph. 6:1-4).

## II. The Dishonoring of Marriage

- A. In spite of what the Bible teaches, man continues to dishonor the sacred institution of marriage.
- B. By living together out of wedlock (Hebrews 13:4)
- C. By not being the husband one should be (1 Pet. 3:7)
  1. Permanence – *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them*
  2. Perception – *according to knowledge*
  3. Praise – *giving honor unto the wife*
  4. Protection – *as unto the weaker vessel*
  5. Provision – *as unto the weaker vessel*
  6. Promise – *and as being heirs together of the grace of life*
  7. Prayer – *that your prayers be not hindered*
- D. By not being the wife one should be (1 Peter 3:1-6)
  1. Honor – *be in subjection to your own husbands*
  2. Holiness – *your chaste conversation coupled with fear*
  3. Humility – *the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit*
- E. By separation and divorce (Mal. 2:16; Matt. 5:31-32)
- F. By committing adultery (Matt. 5:27-28; 2 Pet. 2:12-14)
- G. By perverting God's plan for marriage...
  1. Homosexual marriage (Rom. 1:26-27)
  2. Polygamous marriage (1 Corinthians 7:2)
  3. Marriage, divorce and remarriage (Matt. 19:1-9)