

God's Very First Covenant He Established with Mankind is the Covenant of Marriage and Why It Still Stands!

Let us begin our quest to understand God's will concerning His Covenant of Marriage. However, before we learn about what God's Word has to say about the Covenant of Marriage, first I need to provide you with a very brief explanation of what a covenant is.

A Brief Explanation of God's Covenants

Understanding God's Covenants are absolutely crucial for His people to fully comprehend and this is one of the many reasons why His people are perishing from a lack of knowledge of His Word. First, **all** of God's covenants are all sanctified or sealed by blood for **His** Namesake. Moreover, what many of God's people do not understand is this. God's commandments, which are His moral and ethical guidelines for His people to **live by**, are the terms and conditions of His covenants!

Therefore, when we **intentionally** break God's commandments, we are breaking covenant with God and are rebelling against God Himself. Therefore, He will arise against those who are attacking and rebelling against Him to defend the honor of His Name and His promise He established by blood with the people He entered into an everlasting covenant with. God is faithful and always keeps His promises, even though His people do not! When God says He will do something He will do it!

For the focus of this writing I do not have the luxury of fully explaining God's Covenants, so I will give you **very** brief synopsis which is as follows.

All of God's covenants such as the **Adamic Covenant**; the **Marriage Covenant**; the **Aaronic Covenant**; the **Covenant of Peace**; the **Mosaic Covenant**; the **Covenant of Salt**; the **Abrahamic Covenant**; the **Noahic Covenant**; the **Davidic Covenant** are ratified (sealed) **by blood** and were put in place to lead up to the **New Covenant** which was established by the shedding of **Jesus Christ's precious blood** for the redemption of all mankind! I cannot and will not say that the New Covenant has fulfilled all the "**everlasting**" covenants God established throughout the history of mankind, because the total fulfillment of all of God's Covenants will **not** happen until the heavens and the earth pass away.

The word "**covenant**" is referenced 315 times in the Bible and is a written contract (compact), which is sealed (ratified) **in blood** and the agreement is all-inclusive—everything that belongs to one party belongs to the other party as well. Therefore, all covenants are an agreement, or an oath, pledge, or promise which is legally binding.

According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* Number **H1285** the word for "**covenant**" is the Hebrew word "**b'ērīyth**" which also means the following: **a covenant, alliance, pledge** a) between men 1) treaty, alliance, league (man to man) 2) **constitution**, ordinance (monarch to subjects) 3) agreement, pledge (man to man) 4) alliance (of friendship) 5) **alliance (of marriage)** b) **between God and man** 1) **alliance (of friendship)** 2) covenant (divine ordinance with signs or pledges) 2) (phrases) a) covenant making b) **covenant keeping** c) **covenant violation**.

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Moreover, according to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H1285* the word “**covenant**” as used in the Old Testament is the Hebrew word “**b^e rîyth**” which is from *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H1262* which means (in **the sense of cutting** (like [H1254](#))); a **compact** (which is made **by passing between pieces of flesh**).

Therefore, the definition of a covenant God establishes is a solemn binding legal agreement or promise sealed with blood between two or more parties. God's covenants have either blessings associated with keeping the covenant or curses associated with it for breaking the covenant.

When mankind **chooses** to trespass and rebel against God's covenants, we cannot expect that God will allow “men” to change His covenants, His laws, and His ordinances without reaping the consequences for doing so!

As a matter of fact, it is for this very reason **why all the nations** (referring to a community of people who share a common language, culture, ethnicity, descent, or history) which comprises **Mystery Babylon** will receive God's full wrath which will result in the earth being totally destroyed by the fire of God's fury as detailed in Isaiah 24:5-7 below.

*“The **earth is also defiled under its inhabitants**, Because **they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant**. Therefore **the curse has devoured the earth**, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the **inhabitants of the earth are burned**, And **few men are left**. The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-hearted sigh.” ~ Isaiah 24:5-7 (NKJV)*

When we **choose** to enter into the New Covenant which Jesus Christ established by shedding His precious blood, we receive by God's grace, all we have to do is put our faith and trust in God's **only** begotten Son whom He raised from the dead. Then we become “*born again*.” However, this is only the beginning of our journey as followers of Jesus Christ!

What many of God's people do **not** realize because we are **not** taught this truth, is that from the moment we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we **must** no longer **live** according to the fallen nature we were **practicing before** we accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives! We must repent and turn to Jesus.

Jesus Christ is our Savior based on what He did on the cross! The question which really needs to be answered is this. “*Have we made Him Lord over every area of our life?*”

If we have made Jesus Christ the Lord of our lives then when, not if, we renew and cleanse our minds by reading, meditating, and **applying** His Word to the way we live our lives **and** as we submit to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies our minds and hearts we will be transformed to emulate Christ-like character. We will no longer live according to our carnal nature as we did before we became saved which will be evidenced for all to see by our fruit!

This means that anyone who claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ **must** crucify our flesh on a daily basis and pick up our cross and follow **only** Him! We are not to follow our spiritual leaders, government leaders, or any man. We owe our total allegiance to God, our Creator, and His Son, Jesus Christ period!

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Then as a result of having a personal intimate relationship with God, our Creator, and His Son Jesus Christ, we will then **obey** His commandments because we want to please the One we profess to serve! And, **if** we do sin then we must confess our sins in order to be forgiven. This is what God's mercy is all about. God's mercy is not giving us what we deserve because of what Jesus did on the cross! God's grace on the other hand enables and empowers us to live according to His Word. In addition, we have the Holy Spirit that anoints us and gives us the same power which raised Christ from the dead to accomplish everything we have been called to do. Yet, many have been taught that God's grace and mercy is an excuse to live anyway we want and not reap the consequences for doing so. God's grace and mercy is never to be used as a license to sin!

As a result of **accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior** and **obeying His commandments**, which are the terms and conditions of the New Covenant Jesus established by shedding His precious blood, we **exchange the fallen nature we inherited** from the first Adam, so that we **may receive** our inheritance as sons and daughters of our King, Jesus Christ. As the bride of Christ we will reap the blessings and promises found in God's Word only **if WE** do **not** break covenant with God.

The only way we will inherit the blessings and promises found in God's Word is by **us** cleansing ourselves from all filth by having the reverential fear of God! This is based on 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV) which says, *"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**"*

Moreover, we must maintain our faith and have patient endurance until the end based on Hebrews 6:11-3 (NKJV) which says, *"And we desire that **each one of you** show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope **until the end**, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**"*

Last, but certainly not least, if we choose **not** to obey God's commandments, which are the terms and conditions of the New Covenant, then **we break** covenant with Jesus Christ, who **became** the author of eternal salvation to all **who obey Him!** Obedience is so important to God that His Word has 180 references pertaining to the word "obey" and "obedience" alone! This truth is not taught in most churches; however, God's Word substantiates this truth in Hebrews 5:5-11 below. Like the One, we profess to follow, we **must** crucify our flesh and pick up our cross daily and follow only Jesus Christ. This includes learning to be obedient by the things we suffer like Jesus did! The greatest deception in the apostate church is the false teaching professing once saved always saved and I am writing an entire book on this subject alone! If we attend church on Sunday and live like the devil the rest of the week we are deceived and we are not saved! And, we cannot and will not inherit the blessing and promises found in God's Word!

*"So also Christ did **not** glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; who, in the days of His flesh, when **He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.** And having **been perfected, He** (Jesus) **became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,** called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing." ~ Hebrews 5:5-11 (NKJV)*

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In summary, when we become “*born again*” we exchange all that **we** were and are, for all that Jesus Christ is. Moreover, we also exchange all that we possess for all that Jesus inherited and received based on what Jesus **did** on the cross at Calvary which was fulfilled with His death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

The marriage covenant is no different. When we enter into the marriage covenant with our spouse we become one with them and everything they have becomes ours and vice versa. Ladies, when we exchange our name for his we have a legal right to become the recipient of the fruits of his labor. And, with women now working, the same applies to our husbands having the right to the fruits of our labor too. We share the same cars, home, bank accounts, etc., and we have a legal right to have access to them and use them. And, when our spouse dies, we become the recipients and inherit the entire estate.

Now based on what we have learned in this brief synopsis of God’s covenants, let us continue our journey to understand God’s Covenant of Marriage which was only made possible by God forming the first woman, who was taken out of the first man, Adam.

God, our Great Physician, performed the first surgery on earth in order to form a woman who was taken from Adam, the first man

First, let us establish that in the beginning God formed a woman from one rib bone taken out of the first man, Adam. This account is detailed in Genesis 2:21-23 below.

*“And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall on Adam, and **he slept**; and He (God) took **one of his ribs**, and **closed up the flesh in its place**. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man **He made into a woman**, and He brought her to the man. 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.**” ~ Genesis 2:21-23 (NKJV)*

Therefore, God, our *Great Physician*, performed the very first surgery on planet earth on Adam, the first man, when God caused a **deep** sleep to fall upon him in order to form the first woman whom Adam would name Eve. We can equate this to a patient being totally knocked out when they receive anesthesia before surgery is about to be performed. And, then we are told while Adam slept God took out a rib from him in order to make the very first woman Adam would call Eve.

God pierced Adam’s side in order to extract the rib bone from Adam, resulting in a cut that was deep enough to result in a flow of blood. And, it would be as a result of this flow of blood, that God would ratify the Covenant of Marriage with the blood of man. Otherwise, why would God have to close up the place where he extracted the rib bone from Adam with flesh? This is based on Genesis 2:21 (NKJV) which says, “*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and **closed**¹ up the flesh in its place.*” Therefore, God repaired the incision that He used to cut open Adam to get one of his rib bones to create Eve.

¹ According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon Number H5462* the word “closed” as used in this passage of scripture is the Hebrew word “*sāgar*” which means to **shut up**; figuratively to *surrender* KJV Usage: **close up**, deliver (up), give over (up), inclose, X pure, **repair**, shut (in, self, out, up, up together), stop, X straitly.

And, as soon as Adam woke up from his surgery he was pleasantly surprised and enamored by the woman God had formed as he exclaimed the following based on Genesis 2:23 below.

*“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.**” ~ Genesis 2:23 (NKJV)*

How do we know God established the Covenant of Marriage when He created the first woman which was taken from Adam, the first man?

God’s people need to understand that God’s Word remains silent concerning the details of events in the Bible because God wants His people have an **insatiable** hunger and thirst for Him and His Word. And, as a result, we will dig for the treasures He buries deep within the scriptures based on the **whole** counsel of God’s Word in order to understand the rest of the story. Furthermore, we need to rely on the leading of the Holy Spirit as well.

Notice the Lord God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam which is substantiated in Genesis 2:21 (NKJV) which states, *“And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall on Adam, and he **slept**;...”*

This is exactly what happened to Abram as proclaimed by Genesis 15:12 (NKJV) which says, *“Now when the sun was going down, **a deep sleep fell upon Abram**; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.”*

Like in the case of Adam, God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Abram, **when** God established the Abrahamic Covenant with Abram as substantiated in Genesis 15:17-18 (NKJV) which says, *“And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and **a burning torch that passed between those pieces.** **On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying:...”*

Therefore, I believe it was God that was the burning torch that passed between those pieces of meat that Abram brought to God which is detailed in Genesis 15:9-10 (NKJV) which says *“So He (God) said to him (Abram), “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him and **cut them in two**, down the middle, and **placed each piece opposite the other**; but he did not cut the birds in two.”*

Why do I believe it was God that was the burning torch that established the Abrahamic Covenant with Abram which passed between the pieces of meat sacrificed from animals? And, why do I believe it was God who established the Covenant of Marriage with Adam and Eve when it is highly probable that a burning torch was used to cut Adam who was the sacrifice in order to form the woman, Eve?

It is based on the description of God that Ezekiel the prophet had a vision of beginning in Ezekiel Chapter 1. In Ezekiel 1:13-14 (NKJV) the prophet says, *“As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, **like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures.** The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.”*

And, while scripture does not specifically state this is exactly what happened when God opened and then closed up the flesh of Adam in order to form Eve, we can only assume the Covenant of Marriage was established by
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God in the same manner that the covenant He established with Abram was forged, although the sacrifice in Adam's case was himself.

Moreover, according to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H1285* the word "**covenant**" as used in the Old Testament is the Hebrew word "**b^e rîyth**" which is from *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H1262* which means (in **the sense of cutting** (like [H1254](#))); a **compact** (which is made **by passing between pieces of flesh**).

Therefore, based on the revelation I received from the Holy Spirit, it was when Adam was in a deep sleep and God cut opened Adam's side, this is when the Covenant of Marriage was made between Adam and the woman God would make. This covenant (compact) could only have been accomplished by God passing a burning torch between the two pieces of flesh. Before God made Eve there was only one man who was formed with a body of bones, flesh and blood. Yet, after Adam woke up from his surgery another human being, a woman, was made out of one man. And, it is for this reason, Adam exclaimed that the woman "was *bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh.*"

Also worth mentioning at this time, is the truth that the Covenant of Marriage was ratified by the blood of man who became a sacrifice in order to acquire his bride. Therefore, the blood of animals did **not** ratify the Covenant of Marriage for the following reason.

The sacrificial practice of shedding the blood of animals was not instituted until **after** the transgression of Adam and Eve as detailed in Genesis 3:9-13 below. God knew that Adam and Eve had sinned **before** Adam **confessed** his transgression to God, his Creator.

"Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ~ Genesis 3:9-13 (NKJV)

As a result of their disobedience, and in order to cover their nakedness, God made clothes for Adam and Eve out of the skin of animals. This is the very first account in the Bible of God using the blood of animals to cover the people's sins. This is based on Genesis 3:21 (NKJV) which proclaims, "Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made **tunics of skin**, and clothed them."

The tunics of skin were made of leather, and typically the hides and skins of domestic animals such as cattle and horses are the main source of leather. Therefore, this means that God initiated the first animal sacrifice to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve. Therefore, God sacrificed the animal or animals, in order to use their hide to cover Adam and Eve's naked bodies in the literal sense. And, God also used the blood which was shed by sacrificing the animal to make atonement¹ in order to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness (sin), spiritually speaking.

¹According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H3725* the word "**atonement**" is the Hebrew word "**kippûr**" which is from **H3722** which means expiation. The word "expiation" is the Hebrew word "kâphar" which is from a primitive root; to **cover** (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to **expiate** or **condone**, to **placate** or **cancel** KJV Usage: appease, **make (an) atonement**, **cleanse**, disannul, **forgive**, **be merciful**, pacify, **pardon**, to pitch, **purge** (away), put off, (make) **reconcile** (-liation).

Therefore, God our Creator, forgave Adam and Eve for their sin and reconciled them back to Him right there and then **after** Adam confessed his transgression. Like, Adam, **if** we confess our sins to God, he will forgive them, based on 1 John 1:9 (NKJV) which proclaims, “**If** we **confess our sins**, He **is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”

However, just because Adam and Eve received forgiveness for their transgression did **not** stop the consequences of their actions. **All** mankind would reap the consequences of what Adam and Eve sowed! It is important for God’s people to get this truth. Just because we repent and confess our sins, and God forgives us, does NOT mean we will NOT reap the consequences of our actions we have sown for rebelling against and forsaking God, our Creator.

When did God establish the Covenant of Marriage? And, where in His Word does God define marriage between a man and a woman, not couples of the same sex?

It was the LORD God who said in Genesis 2:18 (KJV) “*It is not good that the man **should be alone**; I will make **him** a help meet for **him** ¹.*”

¹ According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon Number H5048* the word “**him**” as used in the passage of scripture above is the Hebrew word “**neged**” which means a front, that is, part **opposite**; specifically a **counterpart**, or **mate**; usually (adverbially, especially with preposition) *overagainst* or *before*.

Therefore, based on Genesis 2:18, the marriage partner, or mate, is to be the opposite sex, **not** the same sex. God did **not** in any way establish or intend the Covenant of Marriage to be for same sex couples.

Furthermore, it was the LORD God, not man, who instituted the Covenant of Marriage based on Genesis 2:24-25 below.

*“Therefore a **man** shall leave his father and mother and **be joined to his wife**, and **they shall become one** ¹ **flesh.**” And they were both naked, the **man** and his **wife**, and were **not** ashamed.²”*
~ Genesis 2:24-25 (NKJV)

¹ According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon Number H259* the word “**one**” as used in this scripture is the Hebrew word “**echâd**” which means **united**, that is, *one*; or (as an ordinal) **first**.

² According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon Number H954* the word “**ashamed**” as used in this scripture is the Hebrew word “**bûsh**” which is a primitive root; properly to *pale*, that is, by implication to *be ashamed*; also (by implication) to *be disappointed*, or *delayed*.

Therefore, the consummation of Adam and Eve’s marriage would not be delayed and they would **not** be disappointed either! This is based on Genesis 2:25 above which states, “*...And they were both naked, the man and his wife and were **NOT** ashamed.*” Adam and Eve consummated their marriage shortly after God formed Eve from Adam. It was then that they were joined together by God and became one **flesh** in the literal meaning of the word—they had sex.

When a man and a woman consummate their marriage by having sex for the first time, there is also blood taken from the woman to ratify, seal, and sanctify the Covenant of Marriage too. As was the case with Eve, who was a virgin, when Adam and Eve joined their flesh as one, Eve's hymen broke shedding blood as well. When any virgin is intimate with a man for the first time, her hymen is broken and is evidenced with a flow of blood. As a matter of fact in Part 3 of 7 in this series of writings titled "*Why Abortion Grieves Our Heavenly Father's Heart*" I conveyed the fact that in the Old Testament a woman had to prove she was a virgin when she consummated her marriage to her husband. And, in order to do so, they would save the linen from the marriage bed which would have a blood stain to prove a woman was indeed a virgin. So the Marriage Covenant was not only ratified by the blood from Adam, it was also sanctified by the blood from Eve as well.

Scripture does not discuss the details of their wedding ceremony because we know that God already blessed their union and said to them "*Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it...*" when He created their "*spirit man*" in Genesis 1:28. Therefore, the couple did what they already innately knew was God's will as they became one flesh in the literal sense. It was then that Adam and Eve joined their bodies, souls, and spirits as husband and wife and became one.

Moreover, this is one of the reasons why God intended sex to be practiced only within the confines of marriage. It is only by a man and a woman making an everlasting covenant with each other as witnessed and blessed by God, can a man and a woman fully give and commit themselves to each other for a lifetime.

Without a man and a woman joining their minds, hearts, souls, and spirits with one another, the physical act of having sex is just giving into the carnal nature of selfish, self-gratifying lust. God's intent for sex was to be a beautiful physical expression of the love, devotion, commitment, and unselfish motives a husband and wife **should** have for only each other.

More proof substantiating the Covenant of Marriage is ratified and sealed by blood

As I have already conveyed, the Covenant of Marriage was ratified and sealed by blood when God cut Adam's flesh in order to form Eve from one of his rib bones. However, this is only part of the reason why the Covenant of Marriage is ratified and sealed by blood. Now I will convey the rest of the story.

Have you ever wondered why God used a rib bone from Adam to form Eve? I have and the Holy Spirit had me research this and when I did I came across an article which perfectly explains why God chose to use Adam's rib to form Eve.¹ God chose from Adam the one bone in our bodies which can regenerate itself.

¹The Amazing Regenerating Rib by Dr. Georgia Purdom <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/aid/v4/n1/amazing-regenerating-rib>

Moreover, the Covenant of Marriage, like all of God's Covenants must be ratified (sanctified or sealed) with blood. God requires blood to ratify or sanctify **all** the covenants He establishes with mankind. A few examples are as follows. Under the Mosaic Covenant God would require blood to be shed from the sacrifice of animals, having no defect. Under the Abrahamic Covenant God would require the blood to be shed from the act of circumcision, which every Hebrew male would have to be in compliance with. And, even when God established

a covenant with Noah in which He used the rainbow in the sky as a sign of the Noahic Covenant, God required the blood of every human being that perished in the flood to do so.

As a result of my search for buried treasure concerning the Covenant of Marriage I discovered that the Covenant of Marriage was indeed ratified by blood in more ways than just the blood which flowed from Adam's flesh from the incision God made in order to get to Adam's rib bone to form Eve and the blood which flowed from Eve when they consummated their marriage.

There are many reasons why God chose to form Eve from Adam's rib and they are as follows:

First, we are told in Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV) ***"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."*** Therefore, this scripture also answers the question of where did blood originate and come from since flesh and blood cannot inhabit heaven. Blood came from God who gave it to make atonement for our souls that He created in His image and likeness before the foundation of the heavens and the earth, which I substantiate in detail in Part 2 of 7 of this series of writings titled *"Why Abortion Grieves Our Heavenly Father's Heart."*

Furthermore, when God formed Eve from Adam's **flesh and from his bones** she was given life was she not? For without blood no human being or animal made of flesh can have life. Therefore, Eve was given life from the rib bone taken from Adam's flesh. Therefore, she also received Adam's blood, and she also received Adam's flesh, and she also received Adam's bones. And as a result, Eve, the first woman God ever formed was given life! And, this is why Adam said in Genesis 2:23 (NKJV), ***"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."***

Second, God chose to use a bone from Adam to form Eve because it is from our bones in our bodies that bone marrow comes from that produces red and white blood cells and platelets.

Third, God chose to take and use a "rib" bone from Adam for two reasons. The rib bone is the only bone in the human body that can regenerate itself and it is for this reason doctors use the rib bone in surgeries requiring bone grafts in other parts of the body. Moreover, the rib bones are one of the few bones that continually make red marrow (blood cells).

The other reason is that both men and women have twelve pairs of ribs, which equates to 24 ribs in a human body. Therefore, I do not believe it is a coincidence that there are twelve tribes of Israel, and there are also twelve disciples. And, based on Revelation 4:4 there are twenty-four elders sitting on thrones in the heavenly temple of God. There are no coincidences when it comes to God and His creation and His Word!

Why is the number of rib bones in a human being significant? Eventually the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve disciples would come forth from the seed of man and the seed of woman procreating Godly offspring that resulted from the Covenant of Marriage God first established with Adam and Eve. Moreover, Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, would eventually come forth from one of the twelve tribes of Israel—the tribe of Judah, which was only made possible because God formed the first woman Eve from one of the twenty four ribs God took from the first man named Adam.

Moreover, Jesus Christ is referred to as the last Adam based on 1 Corinthians 15:45 (NKJV) which states, “*And so it is written, “The **first man Adam** became a living being.” The **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit.”*”

Therefore, just as God pierced Adam’s flesh to take one of his rib bones to form Eve, who would become Adam’s bride; Jesus’ side was also pierced in order for God to give His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, His “*spiritual*” bride called His Church. This is based on John 19:34-37 that substantiates Jesus’ side was pierced as He hung on the cross. One of the soldiers pierced Jesus side with a spear and immediately blood and water came out. What did the soldier pierce that caused blood and water to come out of Jesus? The soldier pierced Jesus’ lung to make sure He would stop breathing, instead of breaking his legs, so that scripture would be fulfilled which said not one of his bones would be broken. If you take the time to read about what happens to an individual who is crucified like Jesus was, the person being crucified would use their legs to push their bodies up so they could breathe easier and live longer. It is our lungs which contains the “*parietal pleuron*” which lies against the rib cage on the surface of the lungs. In between the pleura is “*pleural fluid*” and it is the pleural cavity which helps to lubricate the lungs, as well as providing surface tension to keep the lung surface in contact with the rib cage.² And, unlike the first Adam, not one of Jesus’ bones were broken. The purpose of our rib cage is to protect our heart and lungs from any trauma.

² Source: Lung from Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lung>

In summary, the Marriage Covenant was instituted by God, witnessed by God, blessed by God, and sanctified with blood taken from both the first man Adam, and the first woman, Eve, for God’s purposes and glory to prevail. Therefore, the Marriage Covenant is an everlasting covenant and is to be held in honor by all!

We are commanded by God to let marriage be held in honor among all and the marriage bed to be kept undefiled!

Do you know we will be held accountable based on our commitment to our marriage covenant we entered into with our spouses as witnessed and blessed by God? We will also be judged by **not** honoring His Covenant of Marriage in our society as well. This truth is proclaimed by **Hebrews 13:4** (ESV) which states, “***Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.***”

Therefore, when we begin to compromise the Word of God by allowing same-sex marriage to be legalized and be “socially” acceptable by those with the *Spirit of Antichrist* **and** we also vote for those who proliferate this abomination to the Lord, do we not realize we will be severely judged by God himself? This includes those who keep silent or do nothing against those who rebel against and compromise God’s Word by supporting those who enact legislation to “legalize” Sodom and Gomorrah! How is it that we have justified in our own eyes that this is okay? How is this holding marriage in honor among all?

Many who are called by His name have exchanged the truth of God’s Word for what is “socially” acceptable, tolerant, and “politically” correct! Just because we live in the twenty-first century, God has **not** changed his mind! Malachi 3:6 says, “*I the LORD do not change...*” Moreover, Hebrews 13:8 states, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*”

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So let's see what Jesus says about the institution of marriage, after all He is the One we are supposed to be disciples of. Jesus is the One we are supposed to be following. And, last but certainly not least, we are supposed to be walking and living according to His Word, not according to what our religious or political leaders tell us to believe!

*"Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. The Pharisees (the religious leaders) also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "**Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'** and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**" ~ Matthew 19:1-6 (NKJV)*

*They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. **And I** (Jesus) **say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for **sexual immorality**, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.**" ~ Matthew 19:7-9 (NKJV)*

God's intention was for a child to be born within the confines of the Covenant of Marriage He established between a man and a woman for the purpose of producing Godly offspring

One of the reasons God established the marriage covenant which was not to be broken by divorce except in the case of adultery, was because God wanted godly offspring to come from the holy union. God intended a child to be born in the confines of the Marriage Covenant He established. Therefore, God's definition of a family is a father (a man) and a mother (a woman) who would bring forth godly children who would then be brought up with the admonition of the Lord!

Malachi 2:14-15 below conveys this indisputable truth. When you read this passage of scripture notice it says that God's intention of a man and a woman becoming one is to have a **remnant of the Spirit** that God, our Creator, created **before** the foundation of the world. I covered the significance of what this means in Part 2 of 7 of this series of writings titled "*Why Abortion Grieves Our Heavenly Father's Heart.*"

Therefore, when a man and a woman join their bodies as one and conceive a baby it will be born at God's appointed time in history, and to the parents He has chosen as well. Why? God seeks **godly offspring** to be born and live on earth for His glory and purposes to prevail! And, God also intended for a child to be born as a result of a man's covenant with his wife who is to be a man's companion. It specifically says "**she is your companion and your wife by covenant.**"

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*"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." ~ Malachi 2:14-15 (NKJV)*

The Covenant of Marriage which God established is not only witnessed and sanctioned by God, it is also blessed by God. Therefore, marriage as God intended it involves more than just the man and wife. It is fulfilling God's dream to have a family on earth!

Gay couples who say they deserve to be treated equally and be allowed to be married in the eyes of man, not God, can **never** produce Godly offspring! And, God, our Creator, intended this to be the case and it is for this reason God, their Creator, did not give them the right equipment to do so! I love the analogy Reinhardt Bonnke, a world renowned evangelist and mighty man of God used to describe this absolute truth when he was questioned by a top newsmagazine reporter about homosexuality as detailed below.

"A top-newsmagazine interviewed me. "First question: what do you think about homosexuality?" My mind was racing. I'm not used to this type of question. "O", I replied, "it's quite simple. When I need gasoline for my car, I put the spout in the tank, not the exhaust." Some people present started to laugh. "Wait a minute", I hurried to say, "I am not trying to joke, ridicule or offend anybody. All I'm saying is that a car is not built like that and man is not created like that." ¹

¹ **"Homosexuality is the powerful satanic weapon of the last days"** <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/05/21/1093521/--Homosexuality-is-the-powerful-satanic-weapon-of-the-last-days>

What God's people need to fully understand, comprehend, and accept is this absolute truth! With the exception of the creation of a human being's "*spirit man*" being created in the image and likeness of God, our Creator, men and woman are **not** created equal in the physical realm. There are distinct differences in the physical and mental attributes of both men and women! They were given opposite physical traits and abilities by God, our Creator, on purpose so that the opposite sex when they were joined as one would give to the other what they themselves did not possess!

Have you ever heard the idiom that opposites attract? This was done by God on purpose so that when a man and a woman joined their hearts, souls, spirits, and bodies as husband and wife, they would be complete and lacking nothing. This is substantiated in Genesis 2:18 (KJV) when the LORD God said "*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.*" Again, God intended a woman to aid her husband and be his opposite counterpart and mate!

And, again, it is for this reason, that God's definition of a family is a father (a man), a mother (a woman), and their children. God's intent before the foundation of the world was to realize His dream for a family of sons and daughters He could commune with and establish a loving, personal, intimate, relationship with us His created. Our God and Creator of the universe wants nothing more than for His children to seek Him, talk with Him, love Him, and look to Him, our Abba Father, to be the source of everything we need or desire.

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Therefore, God's purpose for a child to be conceived was supposed to have been within the confines of the Covenant of Marriage. Yet, because of our fallen state which the enemy is constantly at work to steal, kill, and destroy God's dreams for His sons and daughters, many of His people are **not** honoring God's marriage covenant. And, tragically, for the most part, think nothing of breaking their marriage covenant they entered into with their spouse, which was witnessed and blessed by God. Unfortunately for many, marriage has become nothing more than a legal contract to protect what they can receive when they decide their marriage is no longer worth fighting for and they file for divorce.

Marriage was not created by God for what we could **receive** from our spouse. Rather it was intended by God to be based on what we could **give** and **do** for the one we professed to always love, honor, and cherish! And, if both the husband and the wife would make it a top priority to sacrifice themselves for the greater good of each other, then marriage would be a loving and joyful union as God intended it to be.

The major problem with most marriages today is before we even have the wedding ceremony we are already expecting our spouse to make us happy, and when they do not live up to our expectations, we seek to trade them in for someone who will! Moreover, it is both the husband and the wife's responsibility to not take each other for granted and take time to cultivate the relationship so that it grows stronger and deeper with time. Instead, once the wedding takes place, oftentimes the marriage becomes lifeless (dead) as a result of shattered dreams from the circumstances of life which steals the love and joy the couple first found in each other.

Do we realize how many men and woman are in a marriage that is lifeless, unexciting, in a rut, and as a result, there is no laughter, no joy, no sparkle, and they share no intimacy whatsoever? People who are in a marriage like this are often times more lonely than they would be if they were truly alone! We have allow the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy our families because of our narcissistic need to get OUR needs met, rather than being more concerned about the greater good of our spouse and our children!

Moreover, in today's society many children are being born out of wedlock to people who do not want to make a commitment to the people they choose to have sex with. I have met many unmarried young couples who are expecting a baby together and when I ask them when they are going to get married, they respond they are not sure they are ready to make that kind of commitment. Yet, they do not realize being a parent to a child is a lifelong commitment that never ends no matter how old the child is. And, guess what else? The moment you conceive a child with another person, like it or not, you will have to deal with that individual concerning the rearing of the child for at least eighteen years!

One of the reasons Jesus came the first time was to restore that which was lost due to the transgressions of Adam and Eve who were deceived by the serpent which is Satan. Satan's whole mission is to kill, steal, and destroy God's dreams and plans for our lives. And, what did the serpent say to Eve that caused both her and Adam to lose their dominion to rule and reign on the earth; **and** reap the curses of God instead of His blessings? Satan planted the seed of challenging God's instructions based on Satan's nature instead of trusting in their Creator when the serpent asked Eve the question, "*Did God really say? ...*"

Many of God's people are practicing humanism; and as a result, we have made ourselves our own false god and do what we deem right in our own eyes justifying our actions even though we know they are contrary to God's Word.

God is very grieved that His people have allowed the enemy to pervert His dream of how life was supposed to be in order that we might receive His blessings, rather than His curses. And, as a result, many of His people are deceived like Eve was in the garden over 6,000 years ago.

In conclusion, many of God's people who profess to be Christians are instead serving and living for Satan, rather than God, their Creator. This is evident by the moral and ethical depravity of the minds and hearts of "*We the People*." We are sowing the fruit of Satan, instead of the fruit of the Spirit, and are reaping the consequences thereof.