

Forbidding to Marry

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For Discussion: No Society Can Endure When The Institution Of Marriage Has Been Rendered Meaningless

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What is deconstruction? What does it mean when people say they are deconstructing their faith?

“Deconstruction” is the process of questioning, doubting, and ultimately rejecting aspects of Christian faith.

- To openly investigate the nuances of belief, even changing one’s convictions, is a biblical concept.
- However, “deconstruction” is just polite cover for “demolition.” Modern “deconstruction” means replacing God’s tenets with culturally popular ideas.

How is deconstruction related to apostasy?

Deconstruction is the accuse given to not believing the Bible is inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16 – *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*

Ultimately, rejection of God’s Word will eventually lead to heresy. Thinking that God’s Word needs to be re-interpreted in light of today’s culture is simply compromising with the world.

What kinds of beliefs are being deconstructed in our culture?

- That the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God
- That the Bible needs to be updated for our culture
- That trust in Jesus is only one of many ways to heaven
- That God used an evolutionary process in creation
- That biblical marriage is not all that important

Is God-ordained marriage being deconstructed in America?

In order to eliminate natural marriage in society, it must first be rendered meaningless.

How could marriage be rendered meaningless?

If you say, “gays and lesbians have been pushing for same-sex marriage for several decades”, and you’d be partially right. But many factors lead to marriage being redefined...

- Barna Research surveys show that adultery, premarital sex, and cohabitation have become the new normal.
- the National Center for Health Statistics, in 2019, 75% of Americans said it’s okay to have and raise children when the parents are living together but not married.

What is marriage?

In 1979, Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary:

“the state of being married; b. the mutual relation of husband and wife; wedlock; c. the institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family;”

Here’s a modern definition for marriage today:

“the state of being united as spouses in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law; the mutual relation of married persons.”

“any of the diverse forms of interpersonal union established in various parts of the world... including opposite-sex marriage, same-sex marriage, plural marriage, and arranged marriage.”

And here’s how Jesus defines marriage:

Mark 10:6-9 KJV – *“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*

The marriage covenant has now become the marriage agreement – and only if it meets my needs and is convenient to stay with the other person.

- So now, many people just want to take their prospective mate for a test drive!
- In the 1950s, very few couples lived together without being married
- Today, the cohabitation rate for women prior to their first marriage is around 70%.

In 1969, a Gallup poll showed only 21% of Americans said premarital sex was OK; so, what happened to change the attitudes of people about marriage?

Skyrocketing divorce rates among heterosexuals have added to the problem, as well as the increasing divorce rate among Christians.

- Since the early 1960s, the divorce rate in America has increased over 100% to where now more than one out of every two marriages ends in divorce.
- Bisexual, pedophile, and sexologist Alfred Kinsey did much damage to people's healthy views of sex and marriage in the 1950s.
- Planned Parenthood's founding feminist, adulterer, eugenicist, racist, and atheist, Margaret Sanger, promoted sexual freedom at a time when the word abortion was spoken about in hushes and whispers.
- We've now reached the point where killing a baby in the womb is just another form of birth control.

Why has the divorce rate increased so much?

People have abandoned the biblical concept of godly, sacrificial agape love and embraced a worldly concept of love being only an emotion a person can fall in and out of.

Matthew 24:12 – *because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

This is in the Olivet Discourse so such love growing cold will increase as a birth pang.

What impact did the feminist movement have on marriage?

The cry for women's liberation and equality began good, but it has become an anti-family, socialist movement detrimental to God-ordained, natural marriage and healthy families.

- Tragically, feminism now focuses on destroying distinctions in the roles of men and women.

How is the deconstruction of marriage related to the transhumanist movement?

Journalist, Daniel Greenfield stated:

“The deconstruction of marriage is part of the deconstruction of gender and family and those are part of the long program of deconstructing man. Once each basic value has been rendered null and void, inverted and revealed to be random and meaningless, then man is likewise revealed to be a random and meaningless...”

Satan is seeking his own image bearers and that involves deconstructing humans as being made in the image of God.

- Satan hates God and thus he hates those made in the image of God as well.

How is the deconstruction of marriage related to the globalist agenda?

If there are finite resources on earth and population growth is making these resources unsustainable, then the globalist want to discourage having children.

- The less people get married, the fewer children will be born.
- This is why the LGBTQ agenda is being promoted by the globalists.
- Fewer children being born and depopulation go hand-in-hand

What role did the LGBTQ agenda have in deconstructing marriage?

Lesbian journalist, Masha Gessen has three kids from five parents; and admitted that homosexual activists were lying about their political agenda, *“The institution of marriage is going to change, and it should change. And again, I don't think it should exist.”*

- Prior to Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015, the agenda had been well underway to remove America's moral anchors and replace them with humanism and hedonism.
- The final goal of marriage activists was not for gays and lesbians to be able to marry. The agenda was to chip away at Christianity, decimate the family unit, eliminate natural marriage, and render marriage meaningless.

What do these negative cultural indicators have to say about the church in America?

It is directly related to the apostasy of the church...

- These stats are not just cultural indicators; these are judgments on the Christian church and our lack of moral influence in America over the last 50-100 years.
- We have generally been silent as the sexual revolution paraded through our culture decades ago leading to the sexual anarchy we see today.

John Stott once stated: *“We should not ask, ‘What is wrong with the world?’ for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather we should ask, ‘What has happened to the salt and light?’”*

Why is marriage so important as it relates to family?

Marriage is an essential basis for a family. And the family is the most important building block to human society, and as such, it should be nurtured and protected.

- The church that God is building is comprised of a spiritual family.
- Marriage is a picture of our relationship to Jesus; He is our bridegroom

The defining characteristic of this spiritual family is love for one another:

John 13:34-35 – *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*

The world would be a much better place if there was more loving one another.

How is the importance of family seen in the provisions of the Mosaic covenant?

Two of the Ten Commandments deal with maintaining the cohesiveness of the family.

- The 5th commandment regarding honoring parents preserves the authority of parents in family matters
- The 7th commandment prohibiting adultery protects the sanctity of marriage.

The health of the family was so important to God that it was codified in the national covenant of Israel.

How is the increasing incidence of broken families a sign of the times?

Malachi 4:5-6 – *I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*

If it takes the return of the prophet Elijah to *turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers*, it means that something has happened to make this necessary.

- The terrible divorce statistics reveals that we are living in the days of Elijah.

How should we respond to the negative trends in society?

This should drive Bible-believing Christians to work on our own marriages and help repair relationships.

- Help others understanding of the true meaning of God-designed, natural marriage.
- No society can endure without healthy families and strong marriages.
- Consider these negative statistics as another warning and a sign of the times.

What is the prophetic significance of the value of marriage becoming meaningless in our culture?

1 Timothy 4:1-3 – *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry**, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

Among the doctrines of demons characterizing the latter times is *forbidding to marry*.

- Indoctrinating the culture that marriage is unimportant an outdated (even oppressive) cultural construct is essentially forbidding to marry.
- It is interesting that the negative views of marriage are happening at the same time that meat is considered to be bad for the environment.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Marriage along with other institutions of God is being deconstructed in our day & is a sign of the times.
- Marriage and family are essential building blocks of society; their deconstruction destroys society