

Does God Really Care About Who Gets Married?

- A. With marriage and its (re)definition in the headlines nearly everyday, this is a vital question.
- B. *Hebrews 12:25-13:6* is a fitting frame for our time together in God's word this morning.

I. Foundational Input from Our Creator

- A. Manhood and womanhood was _____ idea (*Gen 1:27-28*).
- B. God linked his design for manhood and womanhood with _____ (*Gen 2:23-24*).
- C. Jesus emphasized the link between creation, manhood and womanhood, and the true nature of a life-long covenant relationship wherein God does the _____ together (*Matt 19:1-6*).
- D. Paul reveals the deepest _____ of marriage as designed and defined by God (*Eph 5:24-33*).
- E. **All of which leads to the conclusion:** God created male and female with distinctive masculine and feminine natures; he defined for them distinctive roles so that within the context of marriage as husband and wife they might multiply the human race, serve as a model of God's covenant with his people, and uniquely display the relationship of Christ and his blood-bought church.

II. Whom is Our Creator Willing to “Join” to Another of the Opposite Sex in “Holy Matrimony”?

- A. One who has _____ been married (*Gen 2:24; 1 Cor 7:8-9, 28*).
- B. One whose spouse has _____ (*Rom 7:1-3*).
- C. One who _____ his/her spouse for sexual immorality (*Matt 19:9*).
- D. One who is _____ with his/her spouse (*1 Cor 7:10-11*).

III. How Would Our Creator Have Us Think of Disregard for His Will Concerning Marriage?

- A. A man and a woman may be “married” in the eyes of human society, but that doesn't mean it is “_____” for them to be together (*Mark 6:14-18*).
- B. A man and a man or a woman and a woman may be “married” in the eyes of human society, but that doesn't mean their union is “_____” (*Rom 1:18-27; Isa 5:20*).
- C. All such disregard is a symptom of our broken and disordered alienation from God that is universally experienced by all _____ (*Rom 3:23; 6:23; 1 Cor 6:9-10*).
- D. To approve of sin, whether by silence or endorsement, contradicts _____ (*Rom 1:32; Gal 4:16*).
- E. _____ is available to all (*1 Cor 6:11; 1 Pet 2:21-25; Acts 2:37-38; 22:16*).