

ORIGINAL SCRIPTURE ON MARRIAGE

Today we will examine the Original Scripture on Marriage by the following SEVEN points.

1. There is no single Hebrew word for marriage like the Greek word gamos.

“In all the Hebrew Scriptures there is no single word for the estate of marriage, or to express the abstract idea of wedlock.” (Unger Bible Dict., pg.697)

However, there is a special Hebrew phrase used in the OT for marriage – laqach ki-ishah (to take for a wife).

(Num.12:1) “Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (**for he had married a Cushite woman**).”

It is a common phrase for marriage in the Book of Genesis (Gen.4:19; 6:2; 11:29; 20:2-3; 21:21; 24:4).

2. Jesus referred to Gen.2:18-25 as the Original Scripture on Marriage in Matt.19:1-10.

(Matt.19:10) “The disciples said to Him, ‘If the relationship of man with his wife is like this, it is better not to **marry** (gamos).’”

3. Three different speakers outline the Original Scripture on Marriage.

- **First speaker** was the Lord God (Gen.2:18-22) Helper suitable (ezer neqed).
- **Second speaker** was Adam (Gen.2:23) Woman / wife (ishah).
- **Third speaker** was Moses (Gen.2:24-25) Leave (azab) and cleave (dabaq).

Moses introduced a marital neology by the phrase, “For this cause (al-ken / interjection).”

(Gen.2:24) “For this cause a man (ish) shall **leave** (azab / kal impf) his father and his mother, and shall **cleave** (**dabaq/ kal pf**) to his wife (ishah); and they shall **become** (**hayah / kal pf**) **one flesh**.”

Jesus also used a marital neology in Matt.19:6 – “What therefore God has joined together, let no one separate.”

4. Two different terms are used with Adam to distinguish single status (alone) from marital status (together as one).

His single status term was the man (ha adam) (Gen.2:18-22). “It is not good for the man to be **alone**; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” (Gen.2:18, 20)

- Single status math is $1+1=2$.

His marital status includes the term the man but adds the term for husband (ish) (Gen.2:23-25).

- Marital status math is $1+1=1$.

Marital math teaches monogamy

(Gen.2:24) “For this cause a man (ish) shall **leave** his father and his mother, and shall **cleave** to his wife (ishah) [wedding]; and they shall become **one flesh** (unity candle).”

“Consequently they are **no longer two**, but one flesh.

(Matt.19:6) “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

5. Marriage was born in the heart of God before it was given to man. This is what makes it a Divine Institution rather than a human institution.

It is interesting that at the end of the sixth day of creation God said that everything was “very good.” (Gen.1:31) Yet in Gen.2:18, God said there was something “not good” (Gen.2:18-21).

God in His infinite wisdom designed marriage for those who think it “not good” to live alone and desires a mate in life (Prov.18:22). Paul became a eunuch for the Lord. (Matt.19:11-12; 1 Cor.9:5,12,15,23).

Principle: God has planned to meet our needs even before we perceive them (Phil.4:19; Matt.6:32-34).

6. Marriage is a divine institution designed for those in society who accepts this basic law of divine establishment.

(Matt.19:6) “Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

The basic biblical principle that marriage is a divine institution is forgotten and forsaken within a declining nation (Deut.24:1-4; Jer.3:1-5; Matt.5:31-32; 19:1-10).

Satan attacks divine institutions (marriage and family) [Adam and Eve] (1 John 3:12) and Divine Agencies (Church) (Matt.16:18) and spiritual mature believers (Job) (1 Pet.5:8-9).

- Apostate reversionism takes what God joins together and separates it (Matt.19:6).

(1 Pet.3:7b) **What God joins together needs God to keep them together** - “as fellow heirs of the grace of life.”

7. The Divine institution of marriage is raised to a higher level in plan of God during the Church Age:

(Eph.5:32-33) “This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to **Christ and the Church**. Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his wife **even as himself**; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.”

(Eph.5:28) “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.”

WHY? “For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man.” (1Cor.11:8) **The wife is a special part of the husband as a grace gift from the Lord** – “And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.” (Gen.2:22)

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