

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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ONE MAN-ONE WOMAN

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Marriage highlights the beginning of man’s experience. God saw man being alone as not good, so He took from man’s side a rib and created woman (*Genesis 2:18, 22*). Upon this first presentation of woman to man, God instituted the holy relationship of husband and wife where man becomes one flesh with woman. God says, “*Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh*” (*Genesis 2:24*). From this sexual union children would be produced and raised (*Genesis 4:1, 25*).

In our time, marriage as instituted by God is being challenged. Homosexuals are striving to expand marriage to include same sex unions. Over 60 lawsuits are presently in place across this country to overturn state laws regarding marriage. Through the courts and so-called progressive judges, homosexuals are redefining marriage in law. They have won in Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Vermont and California.

November 8, we as Texans will have the opportunity to

stand up for what God instituted in the beginning, and strengthen our state law by voting for a constitutional amendment. **Proposition 2** on the ballot reads: “*The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.*”

Jesus upheld marriage as God instituted from the beginning. He reminded all that God “*from the beginning made them male and female...and the two shall become one flesh*” (*Matthew 19:4,5*). In accordance with Jesus, Paul exhorts all to “*let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband*” (*I Corinthians 7:2*).

Two fundamental points of God’s will regarding marriage are presented in the proposed amendment: (1) the one flesh relationship of marriage is between a male and female, not male with male, or female with female, and (2) marriage is between one man and woman, not multiple individuals. Certainly, Christians can vote “for”

this proposition.

Many in our society are beyond regarding matters contrary to God’s clear will as being shameful, but with a humanistic eye focus upon the right of individuals, even if homosexual, to benefit from established laws of “marriage”. Who in our day will approach the issue of marriage from God’s perspective? Hollywood will not. Oprah will not. Christians must!

Lesbians boast and desire to demonstrate that they do not need a man in order to raise a child. May we remember God did not need a male in order to produce a babe in the womb of Mary, but placed Jesus in the family environment of Joseph and Mary -one man and one woman- as the relationship in which to raise a child to adulthood (*Matthew 1:20, 24-25, Luke 2:51-52*).

Homosexual activists are hoping that an “off year” election will keep the voting down. As voters, we have an opportunity to block their agenda, and exalt God.