



## Marriage & Family: The Foundation of Civilization; Heterosexual Permissiveness & Progressive Justices Lead to the Legal Verbicide of Marriage

63. The Mosaic Law set up marriage as a system of order that provided stability to client nation Israel:

**Vos, Howard E. *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Manners & Customs: How the People of the Bible Really Lived.* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999), 103-104:**

**Family Affairs.** Through marriage the Hebrews found personal fulfillment. Through bearing children they kept the Hebrews from extinction among the nations and fulfilled a responsibility to the family to raise up an inheritance. In this context the Mosaic Law sought to guard the home, protect parents, control children, regularize marriage relationships, set limits on sexual activity and spell out laws of inheritance. (p. 103)

Numerous controls regulated marriage and divorce. If a man committed adultery with a married woman, both of them were to be executed (Deuteronomy 22:22). Divorce could only be undertaken with a written certificate of divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1).

Men and women could practice sex only in the marriage relationship. God did not countenance adultery, homosexuality, mating with beasts, and various sexual liaisons within the family or with near relatives (Leviticus 20:10-21; cf. Exodus 22:19, 22). (p. 104)

64. The stability of the divine institutions of marriage and family is crucial to the survival of a client nation. This principle is emphasized in a very lucid summary of the two by:

**Thieme, R. B., Jr. *Freedom through Military Victory.* 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 8-11:**

**Marriage.** Marriage provides the structure for stability in society, the foundation of civilization. God's plan for husband and wife prohibits fornication, adultery, promiscuity, homosexuality, communal living, polygamy, and frivolous divorce. When the divine design for marriage is spurned by enough people, degeneracy permeates society and the nation declines.

God designed one specific man for one specific woman. The marriage of the right man to the right woman: (1) forms the most basic unit in society, (2) provides the framework for conjugal love and the only legitimate environment for sex; and (3) becomes the foundation for the third divine institution—the family.

**Family.** This fundamental organization of society combines with marriage to form a second biblical safeguard for the perpetuation of the human race. Two parents, mother and father, create the environment for raising children. An infant enters the world helpless, needing protection and training until able to sustain himself. The family offers material provision, security, discipline, and guidance enveloped in parental love.

In addition to these staples of nurturing, parents are mandated to instill in their children norms and standards. Authority in the family is vested in the parents. Parents must teach children obedience, the difference between right and wrong, and inculcate them with the principles of self-discipline, manners, and respect for others. Training and correction within the family convey stability to the individual, as well as to the national entity. (p. 9)



When basic principles of authority and self-discipline are not taught early in a child's life, they often reject all forms of authority as teenagers and young adults. Without authority orientation taught in the home that includes personal humility and respect for adult supervision, juveniles become insolent and defiant. Devoid of boundaries and self-absorbed, they reject divine establishment norms and standards. Peer pressure replaces adult authority. Self-gratification replaces the authority of law. These young people turn to alcohol abuse, illegal drugs, illicit sex, or gang activity. Violence becomes rampant, criminality is commonplace. If a significant number of young people defy authority, mindless rebellion overwhelms an entire generation.

When parents do not fulfill their responsibility and children do not "honor" their parents, the nation suffers from insecurity, instability, and eventual loss of liberty. National disintegration begins in the family. (p. 10)

The cycle of insecurity starts with the dissolution of the family and ends with the internal self-destruction of a nation. Therefore, maintaining stability and freedom depend on the integrity and standards of marital and parental authority. When parents have no virtue, the next generation lacks virtue, becomes insecure, and the nation declines. (p. 11)

65. From these excerpts satanic strategy becomes clear: in order to destroy a client nation first attack and demolish its cultural underpinnings beginning with the divine institutions.
66. The advent of homosexual marriage is simply one of many dominoes that has fallen in America's tumble during the progressive reconstruction of our culture.
67. The loss of the Judeo-Christian ethic has been gaining momentum for some while, enabling those who can interpret historical trends to predict the acceptance of homosexual matrimony.
68. George Will addresses this subject in a recent column:

**Will, George. "The Law Can Do what the Culture Has Undone," *Conservative Chronicle*, 10 Dec. 2003, 7:**

When Massachusetts' highest court asserted that same-sex marriage is a right protected by the state's constitution and entailed by recent U.S. Supreme Court reasoning about the U.S. Constitution, the president vowed to "do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage." His vow implied ...premises for which conclusive evidence is lacking: ...law can do what the culture has undone.

More than 40 percent of America's first marriages end in divorce. Cohabitation by unmarried heterosexual couples has risen rapidly from 523,000 in 1970 to 4.9 million today. Procreation outside of marriage, although the seedbed of millions of individual tragedies and myriad social pathologies, has lost much of its stigma now that 33 percent of births—including about 60 percent of births of women younger than 25—occur to unmarried mothers.

So the "sanctity" of American marriage is problematic.

69. Homosexuality is but one of the stains that blots the escutcheon of our client nation. You will note that the "sexually immoral, idolaters, and adulterers" precede "homosexuals who are submissive sodomites, and homosexuals who are assertive sodomites" in 1 Corinthians 6:9.
70. Those who tolerate immorality in one area will be forced to accept immorality in other areas. One can't trumpet the sanctity of marriage as a defense when the institution of marriage has been flouted for half a century.



71. Opposition to homosexuals marrying should not be based on Constitutional amendments, laws passed by Congress, or state legislatures issuing resolutions to restrict the institution to heterosexuals. It should be based on the principle that it is impossible for two individuals of the same sex to enter into a relationship that is historically and biblically defined as a union between one man and one woman.
72. However, the stark reality is that there is no longer any legal ground for restricting marriage to just those of the opposite sex. As George Will concludes in his column:  

There is no evidence that either the Massachusetts court or the U.S. Supreme Court realize how far the logic of their recent rulings goes. Taken together, the rulings point toward a constitutional right to, among other things, polygamy.
73. George is right. And the reason he is right is that the “equal protection” clause is now the basis for all court decisions that grant a broad spectrum of rights to every conceivable class of people. There is no end to how far it can go.
74. Consequently, those of traditionalist beliefs are going to encounter a continuous erosion of establishment and doctrinal viewpoints as the years progress. I have written another essay to address this dilemma.