

POLYGAMY

A primitive sin returns in the Last Days

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IN FEBRUARY, 2020, it was announced that the senate of the US STATE OF UTAH had unanimously voted to decriminalize polygamy. As this message is written in the same month the bill still needs to be approved by the State's House of Representatives.

Under the proposal, having more than one spouse - or bigamy/polygamy - would be considered a misdemeanor, on a par with a traffic violation.

This writer had predicted this development only a few years previously, when Sodomist marriage had begun to be legalized, but he hadn't necessarily expected it to develop so quickly! This Utah measure is only a first step; we shall see this same kind of legislation soon passed elsewhere, and spread until, just like Sodomist marriage, plural marriage shall become widespread, and as universally accepted. So, as is much of what I have been commissioned by my Heavenly Father to write, I write this for the future Christian and Church; I fear that I write for a future that is not too far distant.

It was natural that this first decriminalization should take place in Utah: that is the State founded by the licentious polygamist religion Mormonism, the so-called, "CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS," which was based on polygamy, among other sins, before supposedly ("officially") outlawing it, in 1890, in order to be accepted into Statehood in the United States. Despite this it has been practiced quasi-secretly in the State and surrounding areas, ever since. As this author writes in February of 2020 it is estimated that 30,000 people live polygamously in Utah.

Basic Holiness

Our Heavenly Father anticipated this development today, writing of its sinfulness in Scripture 2000 years ago. He described, in Paul's writings, the basic holiness required of church officials:

2 A bishop (pastor) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1 Timothy 3:2 The BIBLE

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

1 Timothy 3:12 The BIBLE

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not

given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Titus 1:6-7 The BIBLE

No doubt, at the time of writing 2000 years ago, plural marriage took place in the pagan cultures of the time. But our Heavenly Father realized that the matter would become an issue in the 21st century as well.

In coming years there will be those, both without and within the Church, who shall argue for polygamy, attempting to quote Scripture in its defense, seeking to use Scripture to justify their sin! (And when others show them, through Scripture, how polygamy is indeed a sin, they will seek to misrepresent Scripture, or will simply cease to attempt to justify what they are doing, and continue doing it anyhow. Thus, their hypocrisy in their fake desire to do what is right will be evident.) They will initially use Scripture to argue for it, first, *i*) suggesting that the Scriptural record shows that Godly men practiced it and were supported in it by God, thus justifying it now. And then, when that suggestion is proven heretical, they will in desperation attempt to argue from Scripture, *ii*) suggesting that it is not in fact sinful. As it is impossible to disprove either of these suggestions without at the same time disproving the other, we will address them both at once.

Progressive Revelation

Jesus Himself addressed the matter by taking the argument right back to creation.

3 The Pharisees also came unto Him, tempting Him, and saying unto Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He Which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto Him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your spouses: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 The BIBLE

Jesus was speaking here, of course, of the sanctity of marriage, and of the utter sinfulness of divorce. Here, in Matthew 19:5, Jesus quotes Genesis 2:24, which says that a man shall cleave unto his, “wife (*singular, not plural!*)” And it is important to recognize, here, that Jesus adds emphasis to a very important point. In Genesis, God says:

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and *they* shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:24 The BIBLE

But Jesus, Himself, makes a pointed emphasis, more clearly defining the matter, explaining, "*they twain* (they *two*) shall be one flesh." Matthew 19:5! In other words, Jesus was clarifying that Genesis 2's, "*they*," **does not** refer to, "two or more," but strictly to, "**only two!**" And, while the Old Testament could conceivably be interpreted by the rebellious as, "two or more," the NEW Testament (Which Is defined by Jesus Christ: Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, I Corinthians 11:25, Hebrews 9:15) does NOT permit that! Jesus Is saying in Matthew 19 that marriage makes two flesh into one. And that this one cannot be again divided into two. And for the same reason, cannot be added to, adding any additional flesh to the two!

Our Heavenly Father repeats this message a little later in Scripture, speaking through the Apostle Paul:

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and *they two* shall be one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31 The BIBLE

Jesus said that He allowed the Old Testament pilgrim to divorce because of the, "hardness of their hearts - " the hardness of a heart that is not Born Again.

After the Fall of man we lost much knowledge of God, and were denied the opportunity to know God the way our Heavenly Father had intended (God had intended that man know Him much more like how the Born Again Christian is now able to)! And alienating themselves even more, later generations backslid from following and knowing God.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10 The BIBLE

But while man sank into sin, God's re-revelation of Himself began mankind's great and gradual march back toward a knowledge of God, which was eventually completed for mortal man by the revelation of God, Himself, in the form of Jesus Christ. Our Heavenly Father began His re-revelation of Himself to man just after creation, beginning in Genesis 3:15, when He hinted even to Adam and Eve of what was to come. He prophesied of Himself cryptically to Abraham, in Genesis 12:3. Our Heavenly Father gave us hints through His servant Jacob in Genesis 49:10. Five hundred years later, through Moses, He gave us His revelation of His righteousness in the Ten Commandments, arguably His first great revelation of Himself in written form. He followed with another similarly great written revelation of His righteousness in the form of the first five Books of the Bible, also through Moses, who prophesied of Jesus in Deuteronomy 18:15. And Moses hinted of God's continuing revelation of Himself and of His holiness, telling the Israelites that what they were allowed to do during their lifetime would in the future be prohibited by God!

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

Deuteronomy 12:8-9 The BIBLE

After Moses more of God was gradually revealed through prophets such as Samuel and Nathan, and then more formally through the revelations and writings of revealing and teaching prophets such as David, in Psalms 22 and 69, and Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah, etc. By Micah and Isaiah we see very clear hints given to God's people 700 years before before Christ, of the One Who would be born in Bethlehem, in Micah 5:2, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53. Our Heavenly Father's spokesmen, the prophets, were gradually shown more of God, and through the written Scriptures that God gave them for us, we were given a building revelation of God, yet only mere hints of Who/what was to come. These prophecies and revelations weren't a mere scattering of disjointed, unconnected words to random individuals, but a single, gradually-increasing revelation of God to His Nation on earth. And finally, God's revelation of Himself was made perfect, in the birth of His Son, Jesus.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ Which was in them did signify, when It testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1:10-12 The BIBLE

This Old Testament's gradual revelation and growing/progressing knowledge of God is referred to by Theologians as, "*Progressive Revelation.*" What began as an almost total ignorance of God,

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:5-8 The BIBLE

6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6, 21:25 The BIBLE

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they His counsel: for He shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

Micah 4:12 The BIBLE

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Ephesian 4:18 The BIBLE

... became, in God's people, a knowledge of God gradually and eventually fulfilled and completed for the Christian on earth, in the Person and teaching of Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself.

3 How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few Words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Ephesians 3:3-5 The BIBLE

But this knowledge is TO THIS DAY, STILL unknown by the world, by the unrepentant, those who have not been Born Again. And, for those who are Born Again, a revelation which will reach final completion only in heaven!

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the Words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Daniel 12:8-10 The BIBLE

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

John 13:7 The BIBLE

THIS is the reason that men in the Old Testament, before the completed revelation of God and His requirements for righteousness, were permitted to continue in sin in ways completely anathema, totally prohibited by God now! Before the law, which was a mere introduction to what God required, and before Jesus, Who Was the completion of revelation of God's righteousness, man couldn't be held responsible for what he didn't know!

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law: for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Romans 7:7 The BIBLE

So, before the New Testament, which describes polygamy as sin, man didn't have the revelation from God that having more than one spouse was sin! So, while God didn't say that polygamy was acceptable, neither did He yet tell them that it was wrong. So, because revelation hadn't yet progressed that far, and man hadn't yet been told of the sin of polygamy, the sin of polygamy could not be held against him. Therefore, the polygamy of Abraham, of David, and of Solomon, could not itself be held against them as sin (although Abraham's using a concubine because of a lack of faith in God was sin, David's murdering a

man to take his wife was sin, and Solomon's taking pagan spouses was sin, as they led him into sin). In other words because it was done in ignorance of the fact, polygamy in the Old Testament was not sin.¹

Jesus explains, in **Matthew 19**:

7 They say unto Him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your spouses: but from the beginning it was not so.

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

Deuteronomy 12:8-9 The BIBLE

(- which he contrasted with what's right in GOD's eyes: verses 9, 28, and which also prophesied the coming of Jesus [“the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you”]- **Hebrews 4:1-11**, after Whom even more righteousness would be made possible by the Holy Spirit, and therefore be required of New Testament Christians.)

(17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Footnote:

¹ DOES THIS, THEN, mean that nonChristians, those people without a true understanding of God/Jesus, and His righteousness, are therefore permitted by God to continue in unrighteousness and sin? Definitely not! Scripture says that, even when man has no access to the written Word of God he knows right from wrong in his heart (unless he has scarred over his conscience by sin: “2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **1 Timothy 4:2**,”) and, if he desires righteousness and seeks out God, God will reveal Himself to him:

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Romans 1:19-20 The BIBLE

13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:13 The BIBLE**

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 The BIBLE

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:

...

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Acts 17:27, 30 The BIBLE

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:17-19 The BIBLE)

Man, even the man of God, could not, and did not have the Holy Spirit within him before Jesus' return to heaven and leaving in His place the Holy Spirit. Before that, the Holy Spirit could only be with/on, a person temporarily, giving them certain powers. And it could also be taken from them.

9 And it was so, that when he (*Saul*) had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 10:9-11 The BIBLE

14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

1 Samuel 16:14 The BIBLE

For that reason, in the Old Testament man could not be Born Again, and his heart could not be permanently transformed, making him into a new person. In the New Testament that experience was totally new; it was what Jesus and the Disciples called being, "Born Again: John 3:3-7, I Peter 1:3,23" It is what defines the New Testament Christian. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was put, at the most, ONTO a person, as a piece of clothing. In the New Testament He permanently dwells within.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of Truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:16-17 The BIBLE

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

John 16:7 The BIBLE

20 And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

John 20:20-22 The BIBLE

In the New Testament God gives the Holy Spirit to a person, becoming PART OF him! And this Holy Spirit illuminates his soul and his mind, teaching him of all truth. He supplements the conscience, and teaches what is right and wrong, and brings back to mind and soul all that Jesus taught.

26 But the Comforter, Which Is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26 The BIBLE

27 But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and Is truth, and Is no lie, and even as It hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.

1 John 2:27 The BIBLE

So, now that we have the complete revelation of God, in the Person of Jesus Christ, and we have the Holy Spirit both reminding us of Jesus and His teaching, and enlightening our Spirit, reminding and teaching us of all that is true, righteous, and holy, and what our Heavenly Father expects of us, we have no excuse for our sin. The repentant and surrendered Christian KNOWS, now, that marriage is between solely one man and one woman!

15 But he that is spiritual understandeth all things, yet he himself is understood of no man
16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

I Corinthians 2:15-16 The BIBLE

It is commonly claimed by the insincere, "Christian," that, as we now live in the Age of Grace (the New Testament), God is now much more forgiving of sin, permitting much more sin than He did in the Old Testament, and that the Christian is therefore now permitted by God to sin much more than he was permitted to do before Christ died for our sins! But we have just seen (*above*) that our Heavenly Father says exactly the opposite! Furthermore:

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at (*'Turned A Blind Eye To:' Ignored*); but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by That Man Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31 The BIBLE

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the Living God, Which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered (allowed) all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Acts 14:15-17 The BIBLE

So, when our Heavenly Father, through Scripture, gives us His Words, His Commandments, we have no excuse, but to obey Him (as if the sincere Christian would ever WANT TO disobey Him!²)

FOOTNOTE:

² 15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

John 14:15 The BIBLE

Polygamy is Adultery!

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the Law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then **if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress**; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that Law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Romans 7:1-3 The BIBLE

Is this to suggest, then, that being married to multiple spouses is a sin only for a woman, and not for a man? Of course not! Marriage is *i*) until death, and *ii*) to only one spouse! God said it!

If Polygamy isn't sin, there can be no sin of Adultery! If Polygamy isn't wrong there is absolutely no concept of unfaithfulness! In that case, the marriage oath itself is null and void! But, if Polygamy is Adultery, the very act of courting/romancing someone while married to another is Adultery!

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:28 The BIBLE

Jesus and the writers of both the Old and New Testaments state quite plainly that, from the very beginning, God created marriage as the uniting of one man with one woman – that the two would become one. This is so from the very creation! We are told that this is such a basic component of holiness that to defy it is to disqualify a man from official ministry, whether Spiritual (Pastor - I Timothy 3:2), or practical (Deacon - I Timothy 3:12) in the church.

We find that, where there is Polygamy, there is also Divorce: the very concept and act of Marriage is infinitely cheapened! The Muslims, who permit up to four spouses per man, therefore naturally also permit Divorce! And even that act is cheapened, because a Muslim divorce is committed by the mere act of saying, "I divorce you," three times! It is often the case that a Muslim businessman, travelling to another city for a period of time for work, will contract with a woman there for a temporary, "marriage," of a set period of time, in which she will perform all the duties of an intimate housewife, after which he recites the triple divorce statement, and they are no longer, "married!" It is similarly not unusual for a Muslim man, "of conscience," before, "connecting with," a prostitute, to speak a similarly brief and flippant statement in order to constitute such a so-called brief, "marriage," and then, afterwards, to speak the flippant divorce statement, and feel that he has merely, and in good conscience 'connected with' a temporary so-called, "wife," rather than having hired a prostitute! During a trip to Jordan by the present author a Muslim tour guide attempted to justify to a tour group the Muslim practice of Polygamy

FOOTNOTE:

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.

1 John 5:2-3 The BIBLE

by claiming that the New Testament permits it, and was quite taken aback when this writer explained what Jesus actually said about it.

Jesus, Revelation of God's Holiness to Mankind

Before He revealed Jesus to man, God didn't stop the Jews from having multiple spouses, nor from divorcing, because of the hardness of the Jews' unBorn-Again hearts. The Muslims and the Mormons, nonChristian false religions, permit multiple spouses, and also divorce, even after the revelation of God Himself in the Person of Jesus, as they are not Born Again; they don't have the Holy Spirit indwelling them, transforming them into Children of God.

After He had declared the righteousness of God to the world, It was Jesus Who turned the world upside down³, and prohibited and prohibits multiple spouses, and divorce, and Whose teachings eventually officially brought the practice to an end among the Jews, and those societies based upon His principles. It is Jesus Who, alone, offers hope to the repentant, whether Jewish, Muslim, Mormon, or other. It was Jesus Who established for all times and repentant peoples the sacredness of marriage. And the proper treatment and safety of women.

FOOTNOTE:

³ 5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, **These that have turned the world upside down** are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

Acts 17:5-8 The BIBLE