

TO MARRY AND TO BE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

INTRODUCTION

The issue of marriage is one of the most widely written topics in this world, and there seem to be so many experts on the subject, who have written various literatures, both in the Church as an organization (CAO) and the world in general. Even with the myriad of literatures on the topic and solutions proffered for the problems that abound therein, yet such troubles seem not to get resolved as outlined by the so called experts. There are so many marriage counseling books available in the market that people have read and much workshop, seminar and conferences that they have attended, yet to no avail. What then is the problem?

It is my belief that the problems that abound where marriage is concerned stems from the erroneous understanding that men, especially our religious leaders have communicated in their doctrine concerning it to their adherents. The children of the world seem even to have a better understanding on the topic than the children of the kingdom, which ought not to be so. **Lk 16:8**

The marriage institution is at the core of the existence of mankind in this world, with so many in it and many more entering daily, but its true foundational understanding has been grossly misinterpreted and misrepresented unto us by many of our trusted religious leaders, unfortunately. Many of us having followed their lead in the past therefore have been misled also in our knowledge of marriage, its origin and purpose from the beginning and its ending as it were. Why is this so? Because we have not taken heed to hear and learn strictly from the Master, but rather we run to every other person for knowledge on marriage except our great Lord and Rabboni Jesus the Christ, what an error.

The author, having repented of this error have sought out to hear from the Spirit of truth given by the Master to teach us all truth, even of those things that he had taught us in his doctrines. So our approach in this literature was to hear strictly from our Lord Jesus Christ, first and foremost in order to understand God's foundation, definition for marriage from the beginning in the Garden of Eden and what obtained even before then and after then as Christ taught in his doctrine. **Jn 16:12-14; Mtt 13:34-36**

May the Lord grant that your eyes of understanding be opened also as you receive the words of truth and revelations contained herein by the Spirit of truth in Jesus name, Amen, no longer by the spirit of error in beclouding, confusion, lies and ambiguity.

HOW WAS IT IN THE BEGINNING?

Jesus Christ told us how it was at the beginning after Man was created and formed by God in His perfect will, having seen everything that He had made and finished that it was very good, without Woman. **Gen 1:26-31; Gen 2:1-7; Mtt 19:3-4**

Mk 10:2-7 (Vr.2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. **Vr.6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female [*as Man only*].

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **Vr.2** Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Unfortunately, a lot of people misinterpret this “male and female” at the beginning to mean “man and woman” in these scriptural verses, but that is not true and this thereby leads to error in doctrine subsequently amongst those that hold unto such understanding. A good understanding of “male and female” tells us how it was from the beginning of creation and how it is going to be at the ending also.

MALE AND FEMALE IS ONE LIVING SOUL NOT TWO SOULS

God created Man spiritually as male and female joined together as one in Adam only. Subsequently, He formed a body for him out of the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul as a celestial being.

Gen 1: 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 2: 5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man [*formed yet but already created*] to till the ground. **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The created spirit of Man, male and female was given a body and a soul in order to become a tripartite being as it were. Adam was not two living souls in one as per man and woman, but one living soul at the beginning without Woman. **I Cor 15:45**

Male and Female (as one entity) = Man = One flesh + One soul + One spirit = Tripartite Man = Adam

Adam was created and formed as the image, likeness and glory of God in spirit and in truth. So at the beginning God joined male and female together in order to make Adam. Adam was to be joined to the Lord as one in spirit in a perfect spiritual union from the beginning in the perfect will of God and not to flesh in marriage as was the case subsequently. **I Cor 11:7; Rom 1:23; Rom 8:29; I Cor 15:49; Eph 5:29-33; Jn 15:4**

I Cor 6: 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

THE BODY OF THE 1ST MAN (ADAM) WAS NOT MEANT FOR MARRIAGE (SEX)

Adam's body at the initial was celestial/holy/heavenly and not a terrestrial body. God formed Man's body as flesh and bone without blood from the ground of the earth to serve as His holy dwelling place or temple on the earth. Celestial bodies do not engage in sexual interaction being brethren as sons of God, because their flesh is not meant for such defiling act, but terrestrial beings do on earth. Celestial beings have incorruptible bodies, while terrestrial beings have corruptible bodies instead. Sex is a physical exercise found amongst terrestrial beings that is an unclean act, and not a cleansing or sanctifying exercise in the Spirit. **I Cor 15:39-44; Lev 15:16-18; Rev 14:4**

Adam was meant to cleave to God and God alone in the beginning, but the Woman came forth and the dynamics took a change for the worst. Adam ended up being separated from God to cleave unto the flesh called Woman instead. The body of the Woman called a wife was subsequently made to be carnal as a result of her fellowship with the serpent in transgression and Adam by reason of his fellowship with her entangled himself in the fornication through marriage. So the body of the Man of which the wife epitomizes or represents was now made for marrying, the natural use by Man. **Deu 10:20; Deu 13:4; Josh 22:5; Rom 1:26-27; Gen 3:16**

Adam's body, the Woman, flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones was not meant for sex cum fornication too, but for the Lord being the temple of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately she played the harlot and her body became made for sexual pleasure as a result of this trespass.

I Cor 6: 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for [*sex at the beginning*] fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. **Vr.15** Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ [*even as Adam's body was*]? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. **Vr.16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

I Cor 7: 1 It is good for a man not to touch a woman [*at the beginning in the Garden*]. **Vr.2** Nevertheless [*by reason of the fall outside the Garden*], to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

I Cor 3: 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you [*the Woman was made oblivious of this in the garden by beguilement*]? **Vr.17** If any man [*or serpent*] defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy [**Gen 3:14**]; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

The last Adam came and showed us how it was from the beginning and how it shall be at the ending too by the way he lived on earth and lives still in heaven. This remains a mystery to many till today.

HOW COME THE WOMAN?

God created and formed the Man from the beginning but not the Woman. Subsequently, God put the Man into a garden which He had planted eastward in Eden to tend it and to be tempted of the Devil, even as it was the case with the last Adam in his own time. God adequately equipped the Man when forming him to handle the divine task that he was to do in the Garden of Eden before He placed him there. Everyone that God sends He equips. No mention of woman was ever made by God to Adam when he was given the terms of reference by which he was to function in the garden. The garden turned out to be the place of temptation for Adam as the wilderness was for the last Adam.

Gen 2: 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **Vr.15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Mtt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Adam went about his duties in the garden well at the initial; naming all living creatures therein and having sweet fellowship with God in the spirit continually and therefore he was not alone because God was with him, even as He was with the last Adam. **Gen 2:19; Gen 3:8; Jn 16:31-32**

Jn 8: 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. **Vr.29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone [*Why?*]; for I do always those things that please him.

It was by the operation of Satan through the serpent, the most subtly of all the beasts made by God and which Adam interacted with while naming it that brought about the feeling of loneliness in the flesh in Adam. The serpent in his subtlety stirred up fleshly lust in Adam for

another flesh like himself of which God had not made then nor told him to seek for in the garden. This was outside the terms of reference by which Adam was sent into the garden for and a shift from the perfect will of God was set into motion. Adam listened to the devil's ministration and sought for the fellowship of flesh, rather than be content with his fellowship in the Spirit with God. **Gen 2:20; Gen 3:1; I Tim 6:6; I Jn 1:1-3; Jn 10:30; Eph 3:9; Phil 2:1**

Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. **Vr.18** And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Adam was searching for his own flesh and bone but could not find amongst the animals, because it was of the ministration of the serpent who had told him that he was alone and have need for another flesh to complete him, which was not true nor was it a divine ministration. God permissively obliged to fulfill the lust for flesh in Adam by bringing forth Woman, another flesh from within him. Without Adam being made to feel alone, there would have been no reason for the coming forth of the Woman. Angels do not feel alone, but Adam fell for that antics of the Devil as it were, loneliness and the subsequent lust for flesh.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Vr.22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Consequently, God had to do a spiritual surgical operation on the male and female entity called Adam in order to separate the male component from the female to have two flesh, Man and Woman, twain.

Male and female (as one Man) = Male + Female (separated as twain) = Man + Woman = 2 flesh + 2 souls + 2 spirits

Adam out of the abundance of his heart exclaimed with his mouth in excitement when he beheld the beautifully crafted creature that God had brought out from within and presented to him to be with him as a wife, a help meet for him in the flesh. But instead Adam received her as a Woman unto his separation from God and subsequent fall, of which God prophesied shall occur (**Gen 2:24**). The last Adam did not fall for this loneliness ministration of the Devil that leads to a search for woman to cleave unto in the flesh, but rather he cleaved unto God alone till the end. **Ps 139:14**

Gen 2:22-23 (Vr.23 And Adam said, This is now [at last, the end of my long search for the] bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

So the Woman was the embodiment of the fleshly lust of Man that was brought out from within him to the outside. Out of the abundance of the heart of Adam came forth the woman. It was not God that conceived the Woman and she did not come from above, rather it was Adam that conceived her and God brought her out of him in the flesh for him and he beheld her as his flesh and bone. It was Adam that desired Woman not God and He gave him of his heart's desire unto his fall. **Jam 1:12-18; Jn 6:63; Mtt 5:27-28; Jn 3:6; Ps 78:18,29-33; I Sam 8:5-8,18-22**

Therefore, the Woman came forth as a result of the will of flesh, the will of man as permitted by God to be so in the garden and not according to God's perfect will as was the case at creation before the garden (**Jam 1:18**). The Woman was made for the Man to be with him in order to try to satisfy or assuage his feeling of loneliness in the flesh by comforting him therein. Loneliness of the soul also set in within Adam after he lost fellowship with God as it were and woman cannot assuage that, for only the Spirit of Christ within a man can. **Jn 1:13-12; Jn 14:15-18; Jn 15:4; Rom 8:14-16; Gen 24:66-67**

Gen 3: 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me [*as help meet for me*], she [*has murdered me for she*] gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

I Tim 2: 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

I Cor 11: 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. **Vr.8** For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. **Vr.9** Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

MARRIAGE AS PROPHESED BY GOD

After the erroneous receipt of the another flesh as a Woman by Adam instead of as a wife (a help meet) contrary to God's original intent (**Gen 2:18**), God therefore foretold of the fall of Man that would result. Adam was going to leave cleaving unto the Spirit in order to cleave unto Woman in marriage instead. The fall of Man came by reason of the operation of the serpent through the Woman in fornication against the Man and marriage was a fall out of it in the permissive will of God in the sinful world thereafter. Marriage is of the will of the flesh and the will of man as permitted by God for worldly operation only. **Jn 1:11-13; Jn 3:6**

Gen 2: 18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. **Vr.22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Vr.24**

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

Adam was formed as a son of God even in the order of Melchisedec at the beginning, without earthly father or mother, and he had only one Father which art in heaven. But with the coming of the Woman, God then prophesied that a man shall leave his father and mother to cleave to his wife. Adam fell thereafter and was made a little lower than the angels as flesh and blood in the world being yoked in marriage with Eve, a mother, for the production of children of the world in line for the fulfillment of the marriage prophecy by God. The first seed of this union, Cain left them to be joined to his wife. **Gen 2:24; Lk 3:38; Hebr 7:3; Mtt 23:9; Hebr 2:5-18**

Gen 3:16-24 (Vr.16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr.20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. **Vr.23** Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD [*thereby being established as the very first earthly father and mother*]. **Vr.16** And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. **Vr.17** And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch:

By reason of the fall, due to Man's disobedience to the commandment of God in the garden, he hearkened unto the voice of his wife instead unto carnality in the One Flesh arrangement in the world. And through marriage he is kept carnally minded being focused on the things of this world in order to make ends meet continually in an insatiable vicious cycle.

THE HELP MEET FOR THE FALLEN MAN

By the time that the Woman ate of the forbidden fruit and gave to Adam to eat also in disobedience, transgression came into the picture and the spiritual holy union that they had before became polluted and corrupted and their eyes opened and they knew that they were naked. They became ashamed and sought for a carnal cover in order to cover their nakedness by themselves, because the spiritual cover that was of God had been taken away. Friendship and companionship in spirituality with nakedness covered was to be replaced with carnal sensuality in marriage with nakedness uncovered as it were.

Gen 3: 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

In spirituality the Man beget the Woman by God's spiritual operation, but in carnality the Woman was to begin to beget Man by a fleshly marriage operation. Originally, Adam was the medium through which the children of God were meant to come forth asexually, that was the way he was meant to fulfill **Gen 1:26, 28-30** spiritually, but the Woman came into the picture after and Eve ended up becoming the vessel through which the children of the world were to be brought forth sexually. She became the means by which **Gen 9:1-4** is being fulfilled carnally instead till date. By reason of the fall a reversal of reproduction role took place, but many are unaware of this twist/change. The perfect will of God as it is done in heaven was substituted for the permissive will of God as it is done on earth. Adam began to breed children of the world like the animals through the woman, rather than sons of God like the last Adam initiated by his coming. **Jn 1:11-13**

I Cor 11: 7-12 (Vr.8 For the man is not of the woman [*not begotten by her*]; but the woman of the man. **Vr.12** For as the woman is of the man [*from the beginning*], even so is the man also by the woman [*as a result of the fall*];

Gen 2:21-23 (Vr.22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Due to the fall, the woman, Eve as the help meet for the fallen man was made with a dedicated body part, the vaginal orifice meant specifically for the dual purpose of firstly, servicing the desire of the man sexually as his wife, and secondarily to produce children for him as a mother through the same organ. These fleshly desires in men are accomplished by women as wives and mothers through the earthly process of "marrying and being given in marriage" in the world, but in the beginning it was not so. That is how the woman presently offers help primarily to the man in the world; any other help from her to him in other areas of life is secondary as it is.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children [*as a mother*]; and thy desire shall be to thy husband [*as a wife*], and he shall rule over thee.**Vr.20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

This is the revelation of the understanding of the Master's response to the Pharisees in

Mk 10:2-8 (Vr.6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female [*as Adam*]. **Vr.7** For this cause [*because of the fall*] shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; **Vr.8** And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

In the world today as it were, the duty of woman as a help meet for man is accomplished through marrying and being given in marriage by which she becomes first and foremost a wife to him, and secondarily a mother to his children, a keeper of the home. This is of the ordination of God in the world and those that go contrary to it in establishing their own way are resisting the ordinance of God. Such shall receive to themselves damnation at the end. **Rom 13:1-2; I Tim 5:11-15; Prov 31:10-31**

HOW IS A WIFE MADE?

When a man knows a woman, she is made his wife and to know a woman is to have sex with her or have carnal knowledge of her or to come into her as it were. **Gen 4:1,25,17; Gen 19:5,31; Ruth 4:13; Gen 38:1-3,16-18,26; Gen 29:20-21; Gen 30:14-16; Gen 16:1-4; Gen 6:1-4**

A woman that gives herself out in marriage to a man without the consent of her parents is married to him illegitimately as an illicit wife, concubine or mistress, but she whom the parents give away to a man to be her husband with the consent of the two families is married legitimately as his lawfully wedded wife. A man can marry a woman with or without the consent of her parents/guardians through having sexual intercourse with her, for that is how a wife is made biblically. So by marrying and/or being given in marriage a wife is made.

Marriage is founded on a man and a woman being joined together sexually as one body at coition – two shall be one flesh (and not one spirit). It starts with a sexual exercise that have other fleshly affairs attached to it subsequently. Without sex there can be no marriage truly. Unfortunately many CAOs do not hold wholly to this doctrine and therefore exclude sex education or at best treat it shallowly in their marriage counseling procedures leaving it to the children of the world to educate their adherents as they deem fit unto errors. The CAO MOPs spiritualize that which is carnal to their detriment as always. They shy away from dealing extensively in teachings with that which is at the core of marriage, which is sex and which is at the root of the troubles in the flesh encountered therein. **Deu 20:7; Deu 24:1-5; Mtt 19:3-10**

I Cor 6: 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Gen 6:1-4 (Vr.2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose [*and married them without their being given unto them in marriage*]. **Vr.4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the

sons of God came in unto the daughters of men [that is how they married them], and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

The daughters of men were not given to the sons of God in marriage, rather they took whichever one of them that they chose and married them. How? by having sexual interaction with them at random like animals. **Jude 1:6**

Gen 6:5 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. **Vr.6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

God considers a man and a woman to be married the moment they engage in sexual intercourse. This means that a couple is not truly “married” in God’s eyes until they have consummated the marriage physically. So if any man and woman have sex, God considers the two of them to be married.

The basis for this is the fact that sexual intercourse between a husband and a wife is the ultimate fulfillment of the “One flesh” principle, where forth the man and his wife shall both be naked and be joined together in sex and not be ashamed. In this sense, sexual intercourse is the final “seal” that kicks off a marriage covenant, but such open, truthful and foundational knowledge is hid cum covered in many CAO marriage teachings and thereby keeping many ignorant and blind. **Eph 5:31; Gen 2:24; Deu 20:7**

Mtt 19: 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?

Biblically speaking, couples are considered married the moment they engage in sexual intercourse, whether it be morally or immorally. This means that there is marriage that is moral and another that is immoral; there is an honourable marriage and a dishonourable marriage as it were. Sexual immorality called fornication and adultery is a dishonourable marriage, but giving out in marriage according to the acceptable traditions and customs of a people constitutes an honourable marriage.

Hebr 13: 4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

In giving out of a woman to be a wife to a man as her husband in marriage honourably, cultural procedures and dowry payment traditions need to be fulfilled and kinsmen conditions met, prayers made for God’s blessings upon the couple offered in a public joyous ceremony attested to by many witnesses from both families.

MARRIAGE IS FOR THE EARTHY NOT FOR THE HEAVENLY

I Cor 15:44-50 (Vr.47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.**Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

It was our Master, Jesus the Christ that made us to know unlike the CAO, that marriage is of the permissive will of God for man on earth and not of the perfect will of God for him in the heavens, but yet many are ignorant of this truth because they tenacious cling unto the erroneous teachings of the CAO religious blind guides, the Ministers of the People (MOP) till date. Such do not hear Christ in his doctrine, exalting marriage as the perfect will of God for man and subtly imposing it upon men compulsorily in their dogmas, especially those that are to be made their ministers (MOPs), in charge of their parishes. Some teach that a man is not yet complete, responsible or fulfilled without having a woman as a wife in marriage thereby stigmatizing the singles in their midst, but this is of men's wisdom that is from beneath, not of Christ's teaching as it were.

Christ came to do the perfect will of God on earth as it is done in heaven and therefore he did not engage in marriage unlike Adam (**Mtt 6:9-10**). He made us to understand that marriage is for the children of the world, the sons of men that bear the image of the fallen Adam and not for the sons of God that shall bear the image of the heavenly as him, Christ, even as God had purposed it from the beginning. Sons of men are born of the flesh, while sons of God are born of the Spirit. Without the woman there would have been no marrying possible in the world amongst men. The existence of the Woman is the reason for marrying and being given in marriage by the fallen man on earth. **Jn 8:23; Hebr 10:5-10; Mtt 19:10-12; Gen 5:3-4**

Mk 12:18-27 (Vr.23 In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. **Vr.24** And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? **Vr.25** For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

Lk 20:27-36 (Vr.33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife. **Vr.34** And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Going by Christ's teaching that marriage is for the children of the world then it means that the actual marriage between the first man and woman took place outside of the garden in the world and not inside of the Garden of Eden which was a spiritual place. We can say that Adam was betrothed to the Woman by God in the garden in their state of innocence and virginity being celestial, but he married Eve outside of the garden in the world thereafter in iniquity and sin being terrestrial. That leads us to ask "What does it actually mean to marry a woman?"

Gen 2: 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Some phrases in the Bible that are used to indicate when a man "marries" a woman are - "Adam knew Eve his wife"; "when a man lies with a woman"; "the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men"; "go in to or come in unto a woman". **Gen 4:1; Gen 6:4; Gen 30:15-16; Gen 39:7,12; 2 Sam 11:4; I Kings 11:2**

MARRYING IS UNCOVERING OF NAKEDNESS

Marrying is premised on the uncovering of the nakedness of a woman by a man. This involves sexual intercourse between the two flesh, by which they become one flesh at the point of copulation. Marrying is to join together basically through sexual intercourse, while marriage is the state of being a married couple joined by a sexual union for life.

Lev 20: 18 And if a man shall lie with a woman {having her sickness}, and shall uncover her nakedness;

This is the physical manifestation of it, but actually it begins in the unseen realms of the minds and hearts of the parties involved. Iniquity is of the heart but sin is of the flesh. The Master taught us in his doctrine and we can apply it by spiritual insight in the marriage issue. How?

Mtt 5: 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit [*the sin of*] adultery: **Vr.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 [*where iniquity is found*].

Mtt 15:16-20 (Vr.18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. **Vr.19** For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **Vr.20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

How do we relate the process of iniquity and sin in the case of the commencement of marriage from the beginning in the Garden of Eden? Unfortunately, it was the serpent that uncovered the nakedness of the Woman in the garden through beguiling her in her mind and heart unto

her eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree, before Adam did. Carnality of mind is always the modus operandi of Satan in getting one to transgress against God's commandment. **2 Cor 11:3; 2 Cor 4:4; Rom 8:5-8**

Gen 2:21-25 (Vr.23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Vr.25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Gen 3:1-6 (Vr.4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **Vr.5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; **Vr.10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. **Vr.11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **Vr.14** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this [*done what? Exposed and known the nakedness of the woman in transgression*],

It can therefore be said that the very first uncovering of nakedness began with the serpent and the Woman in the transgression called fornication. Subsequently, it took place between the two flesh, Adam and Eve, as the one flesh sexual union called marriage, outside of the garden, in the world wherein they were cast out. God covers our nakedness in righteousness, while Satan exposes nakedness in unrighteousness. Marriage is sexual relationship between a man and a woman in the world, the uncovering of nakedness. **I Tim 2:14; Gen 2:25**

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. **Vr.21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Gen 4: 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife [*How? through sex and that is how he married her*];

The serpent uncovered the nakedness of the Woman in the garden and he knew her through toasting/entreating her with a lie unto corrupting her mind. The product of this opening of her eyes in carnal knowledge by the serpent resulted in Cain, after Adam knew her sexually outside the garden. The very first child of the world was Cain, who was of the wicked one, a seed of the devil as it were. **I Jn 3:10-12; Gen 3:15**

From the foregoing we can understand the genesis of marriage and be able to decode by the Spirit the Master's teaching concerning to "marry" and to be "given in marriage", and the difference between the two as it were. We shall now look into this truth extensively. **Lk 20:34**

MARRYING AND BEING GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

Our Master, Jesus the Christ taught in his doctrine that the children of the world marry and are given in marriage. He also made us to know that they shall be occupied with this worldly fashion or care of the world till the day of the coming of the Son of man, as it was in the days of Noah and Lot also. **I Jn 2:12-17; I Cor 7:29-33**

Lk 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage [*Why the distinction?*]: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Mtt 24:35-36,37-39 (Vr.38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage [*as exalted by the children of the world as well as the CAO presently*], until the day that Noe entered into the ark [*and they knew it not*],

Lk 17: 26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. **Vr.27** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. **Vr.28** Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Marrying and being given in marriage are the two ways that women are made wives by men as it were; one is dishonourable and the other is honourable. Both involve the uncovering of the nakedness of a woman by a man in sexual intercourse called marriage as we have already seen.

Tracing the origin of marriage in the Garden of Eden as we have discussed, we discovered that the serpent married the Woman dishonourably in transgression to her shame, while Adam married Eve honourably under the coat of skin cover of God permissively outside the garden. This shows that animals like the serpent engage in marrying too, but are not given in marriage as human beings are. Human beings engage in both marrying and being given in marriage. "Marrying" is between male and female living creatures, while being "given in marriage" is between man and woman strictly. This we shall expound on later. **Gen 2:19-20; Gen 3:1; Lev 20:15-16; Eccl 3:18-21**

God, from the initial, gave the Woman's hand to Adam spiritually as his espoused wife, his betrothal, when He brought her to Adam, even as He shall give the Lamb of God his bride at the end (**Rev 19:7-9; Rev 21:2,9-10**), but the Woman gave herself out by her own self will to be married by the serpent contrary to the ordination of God. So we can say that the Woman was given in marriage to Adam, but before they could come together the serpent married her instead. This is what constitute the genesis of "To marry and to be given in marriage" in the world. So God permissively sanctions "to be given in marriage", while "to marry" by yourself as

in fornication is of Satan. **Gen 2:21-23,25; Gen 3:13-14, 20-21; Gen 4:1-2,16-17; Deu 22:23-24; Lev 20:10; Hebr 13:4**

Those that are to be “given in marriage” are usually betrothed first under parental consent and engagement, before the final joining ceremonies takes place, but those that “marry” do not pass through such processes, but go ahead to join themselves by themselves without any ceremony. To be “given in marriage” is a parent formally licensing a man to marry, groom, or have sex with their daughter, while “marrying” by your self is unlicensed (illicit) sex, which is sin. **Mtt 1:18-25; Lk 2:4-5; Jn 2:1-11; Jn 4:15-19; Jn 8:1-11**

“Marrying” does not require traditional or customary ceremonies to be done nor the involvement of the parents concerned, or witnesses, but to be “given in marriage” does and that is the major difference between them. God disapproves of the former but approves of the latter. It is those that are given in marriage that answer “bride and bridegroom” not those that marry. Semblance of being given in marriage can be captured in the New Testament too in **Mtt 22:1-3; Mtt 25:10; Jn 2:1-11; Jn 3:29**, etc.

By marrying herself to a man via having sex, a woman, being single, plays the harlot while yet under her father’s house, and becomes known as a whore, but a virgin keeps herself until she is given out in marriage by her parents to a man whom they accept to be her husband. God gave the Woman as a chaste virgin to Adam in the garden, but Adam married a harlot called Eve outside the garden, having been defiled by the serpent. There was a change of name subsequently given to the Woman by Adam in order to reflect the change of her status due to her being found in transgression. Why do parents not name their daughters “EVE” today? and yet majority of them are daughters of EVE in behaviour, being sexually immoral. **2 Cor 11:2-3; I Tim 2:14; I Tim 5:6,11,15; Deu 20:7**

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **Vr.20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Deu 22: 23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; **Vr.24** Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour' wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you [*Adam was neighbour to the serpent in the garden as it were*].

Every female, whether she is a girl, lady, or a matured woman, that has sexual intercourse with a male, whether he is a boy or man, is married to him in the eyes of God, whether it was done secretly or with parental consent through giving in marriage. Such a woman is seen by God as a wife to that man and the man as her husband, legitimately or illegitimately that is not the issue. Unfortunately, the eyes of many are closed to this truth about marrying because of the erroneous presentation of what “marrying” means under the dogma of the CAO as they teach in their doctrines, gotten from the definitions and understanding the world have given to it and not from God’s perspective as can be derived from an understanding of the Bible. **I Cor 7:12-16; Mtt 15:13-14,16**

Many men and women as lovers engaging in sex immorally do not see themselves nor does the society or the CAO see them as husbands and wives, but God does. It is those that undergo their feigned ceremonial solemnization rituals called Registry and/or Holy Matrimony wedding even without parental consent, that they accord such recognition as husband and wife with paper certificate, but not so with God. A wife is made by a man through sex and that is called marrying in God’s eye. **Deu 22:13,28-29; Mtt 15:7-9**

Jn 4:15-19,28-29 (Vr.16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. **Vr.17** The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: **Vr.18** For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

I Cor 6:13-16 (Vr.13 but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. **Vr.15** Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. **Vr.16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

A boy marries his girlfriend through fornication, while she is not yet given to him in marriage by her parents. For a girl to be given in marriage to a man, he would need to ask for her hand in marriage from her parents or guardians. And with their approval/consent a legitimate marriage arrangement is undertaken and formalized; else it remains an illegitimate marriage in fornication.

The children of this world “marry” without paying of dowry and fulfillment of traditional customs, but those wives that are “given in marriage” have dowries paid on their head and marriage customs rites done or fulfilled concerning them and some form of joyous ceremony performed to celebrate the union amongst several witnesses. **Ruth 4:1-13**

Those that “marry” do not have family witnesses that are required to legitimize the union, rather it is those that are given in marriage that do and God also bears witness to such

covenanting. A man legitimately takes a wife that is given to her in marriage by her family, but a woman marries a husband by herself without her family's involvement. The latter can be put away without qualms, at will, but not the former without family involvement. **Mal 2:14-16; Deu 19:15**

"Marrying" is a woman giving herself to a man by herself, or a man taking a woman by himself, while "being given in marriage" is a Man taking a wife that is given to him in marriage by her parents and family members traditionally. In marrying, the woman and the man have not yet left their fathers and mothers, but they still go ahead to cleave unto each as one flesh in fornication/adultery, which is illicit/illegitimate/dishonourable marriage. In giving in marriage a man leaves his father and mother, and so likewise the wife with their consents in order to cleave to each other as one flesh; such is an honourable marriage. **Gen 2:24**

A man and a woman should follow whatever cultural, familial, and covenantal practices that is typically required to recognize a couple as "officially married" before God and Man which is not ungodly as it were.

Mtt 22:1-14(Vr.2 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, **Vr.3** and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come.

EXAMPLES OF MARRYING AND BEING GIVEN OUT IN MARRIAGE

We are going to look at several examples in the Bible of marrying and being given out in marriage. We shall first see what the Law had to say about such and how to remedy errors in marrying without consent.

Deu 7: 2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: **Vr.3** Neither shalt thou make marriages with them [*How?*]; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

Exo 22: 16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her [*that is marry her secretly*], he shall surely endow her to be his wife [*ask her hand to be given to him in marriage openly*]. **Vr.17** If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him [*in marriage*], he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Deu 22:28-29 (Vr.28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her [*marry her in the secret*], and they be found; **Vr.29** Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel' father fifty shekels of silver [*as marriage dowry*], and

she shall be [*given to him as*] his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days [*till death do them part*].

Deu 25: 5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband' brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband' brother unto her. **Vr.6** And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Examples of Marrying and being given in marriage abound all throughout in the Bible: **Gen 24:1-67**

[1] Lot's wife was given to him in marriage, but his two (2) daughters married him thereafter:

Gen 19:15-38 (Vr.15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. **Vr.30** And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. **Vr.31** And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: **Vr.32** Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. **Vr.33** And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. **Vr.36** Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

[2] Sarai was given to Abram in marriage as his wife but Abram married Hagar subsequently: **Gen 11:29-31**

Gen 16:1-6 (Vr.1 Now Sarai Abram' wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. **Vr.2** And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid [*marry her*]; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. **Vr.3** And Sarai Abram' wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife [*not Hagar's parents or family*]. **Vr.5** And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom [*for you to marry her as a concubine without her being given in marriage by her family to him*]; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. **Vr.6** But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Abraham had other wives as concubines after Sarah as it were. **Gen 25:1-7**

[3] Leah and Rachel were given to Jacob in marriage by Laban their father according to the customs of their people, but Jacob married both their handmaids who his wives gave to him to marry – Zilpah and Bilhah. By these four women as wives and concubines did Jacob bore the twelve tribes of Israel.

Gen 29:15-35 (Vr.16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. **Vr.18** And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. **Vr.19** And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee [*in marriage*], than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. **Vr.21** And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her [*in order to make her my wife*]. **Vr.22** And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. **Vr.23** And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. **Vr.24** And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. **Vr.26** And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. **Vr.28** And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. **Vr.29** And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

Gen 30:1-10 (Vr. 3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her [*marry her*]; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. **Vr.4** And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. **Vr.5** And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. **Vr.9** When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. **Vr.10** And Zilpah Leah' maid bare Jacob a son.

Reuben married Bilhah in fornication even as she was not given to him in marriage, thereby defiling his father, Jacob's bed and he lost his birthright to another. **Gen 35:21-22; I Chron 5:1**

[4] David married through being given in marriage, Michal daughter of King Saul, Abigail, and Ahinoam of Jezreel, but he married Bathsheba by himself while she was still the wife of another man, Uriah the Hittite. After having killed her husband, Bathsheba was then given in marriage to David as his legitimate wife but this process displeased God. **I Sam 18:20-28; I Sam 25:39-43**

2 Sam 11:1-5 (Vr.3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? **Vr.4** And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. **Vr.5** And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. **Vr.26** And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. **Vr.27** And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife [*legitimately being given*]

to him in marriage], and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

2 Sam 1-25 (Vr.8 And I gave thee thy master' house, and thy master' wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. **Vr.9** Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. **Vr.10** Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

[5] A wife from the Philistines was taken for Samson in marriage by his parents, but he married a woman called Delilah by himself in fornication unto his fall.

Judg 14:1-20 (Vr.1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. **Vr.2** And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. **Vr.3** Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. **Vr.4** But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel. **Vr.5** Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. **Vr.7** And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. **Vr.8** And after a time he returned to take her, **Vr.9** And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: **Vr.10** So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a [marriage] feast; for so used the young men to do. **Vr.15** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson' wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father' house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?

Judg 16:1-21 (Vr.1 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her [marrying her as in I Cor 6:16]. **Vr.4** And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. **Vr.5** And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

A wife is given to her husband in marriage, but a man takes on a concubine and a mistress in marriage by himself and she is still seen as a wife, though such is not given to him in marriage. The former constitutes an honourable marriage but not the latter. In being given in marriage, either the parents of the woman give their daughter to a man as her husband, or the parents of the man take a wife for their son. **Deu 7:3**

MARRYING BEFORE BEING GIVEN OUT IN MARRIAGE IS FORNICATION

Being given in marriage is meant to be done between virgins, but by “marrying” by herself a woman is made a whore before she is eventually given out in marriage in the world as it were. And it all began in the garden episode involving the serpent, the Woman and the Man as we have seen.

Marrying without being given out in marriage is the same as a woman playing the harlot while under her father’s roof. It is a dishonor that she brings upon her father and mother, which is contrary to the commandment of the Lord that says that we should honour our father and mother while they live. Therefore, it is a dishonor to God also.

So many that are in fornication are openly and shamelessly dishonouring their parents in their face and yet they know it not, being ignorant of this truth. They are kept so in transgression by the world in their sexual permissiveness and the CAO in their erroneous definitions of what marrying and marriage is about. Many are in marriage but they do not know that they are married, just because of a foundationally shift in definition that is based on a lie/error sold to them by the CAO and the world at large by which the devil deceiveth the whole world. This keeps them in sin fulfilling the lust of the devil continually without knowing, but ye shall know the truth now, and the truth shall make ye free. **Jn 8:30-34,41-44; Isa 24:4-6; Rev 12:9**

Deu 22:13-21(Vr.13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, **Vr.14** And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: **Vr.15** Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel' virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: **Vr.16** And the damsel' father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; **Vr.17** And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter' virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. **Vr.18** And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; **Vr.19** And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. **Vr.20** But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: **Vr.21** Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father' house, and the

men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father' house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Mk 10:18-19 (Vr.19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

Eph 6:1-4 (Vr.2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) **Vr.3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. **Vr.4** And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It is an honour that a daughter bestows unto her parents by not marrying to a man before her father gives her out in marriage to that man, after having consented to his proposal to have his daughter's hand in marriage. Anything short of this is a dishonor and disrespect to your father and mother.

Similarly, a man that marries another man's daughter before formally coming before the father to ask for her hand in marriage is a fornicator and a profane person; for he dishonoureth his would be father in law, as if slapping him in the face. This is a shame and an error found prevalent in our times and many knoweth it not as such. You defile a man's daughter and now come to him to ask for her in marriage that is dishonourable before God and man. You are already enjoying the gift before it is even packaged and wrapped to be given to you by the owner as a precious present; that is stealing and you are no different from a thief and a robber.

[1] Esau was called a fornicator because his father Isaac and mother Rebekah were not in consent to his marrying the daughters of Heth, the Canaanite women and it was a thing of grief of mind and heart to them in their days, that their firstborn did contrary to God's commandments as well as theirs. The same goes for every one that goes marrying a wife without being given a wife in marriage by the consent of the families involved. But Jacob honoured his father and mother in marrying from where they consented for him to seek a wife from, even as his father Isaac did in marrying Rebekah according to Abraham's instruction. **Gen 24:1-67**

Gen 26: 34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: **Vr.35** Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah [*for they did not consent to such marrying*].

Gen 28: 8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; **Vr.9** Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham' son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

Gen 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Hebr 12: 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

Gen 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. **Vr.2** Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother' father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother' brother [*with our consent in the giving in marriage*]. **Vr.3** And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; **Vr.5** And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob' and Esau' mother. **Vr.6** When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan [*in marrying without our consent*]; **Vr.7** And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

[2] Similarly, Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite married Dinah the daughter of Jacob and kept her in his house, before he sought for her hand in marriage from her family– that is a defilement of a man's daughter and of the abomination called fornication. Unfortunately in our times, it is no longer viewed as an abomination but the norm, of civilization, an acceptable common practice, but this is a grave error in the sight of God, while it seemeth right in the sight of depraved men today. **Prov 16:25**

Gen 34:1-31 (Vr.1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. **Vr.2** And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her [*thereby marrying her*], and defiled her. **Vr.3** And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. **Vr.4** And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife [*in giving in marriage*]. **Vr.5** And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter [*How? in marrying her without his consent*]: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. **Vr.6** And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. **Vr.7** And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it : and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob' daughter [*in marrying her without the family's consent by giving her out in marriage*]; which thing ought not to be done. **Vr.8** And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. **Vr.9** And make ye marriages with us [*How?*], and give your daughters unto us, and take our

daughters unto you [*in giving in marriage*]. **Vr.11** And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren [*asking for their consent now*], Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. **Vr.12** Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me [*in marriage*] the damsel to wife. **Vr.13** And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister [*by marrying her without their consent*]: **Vr.14** And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us: **Vr.15** But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised; **Vr.16** Then will we give our daughters unto you [*in marriage*], and we will take your daughters to us [*in marriage too*], and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people [*becoming in-laws*]. **Vr.26** And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem' house, and went out. **Vr.31** And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot [*in marrying – I Cor 6:16*]?

[3] Also you can look at Judah's case in this issue of marrying and being given in Marriage in **Gen 38:1-30**

It is harlots that marry by themselves, being daughters of Eve, before they are given out in marriage by their family/parents formally. Such give out themselves by themselves to men to be married by them beforehand in transgression and afterwards they seek to be given out in marriage when they want to "settle down" to raise a family. Some others find themselves in the family way as a result of rape, involuntary marrying. **Gen 34:31; 2 Sam 13:1-22; Deu 22:25-29**

IN-LAWS ARE MADE THROUGH GIVING IN MARRIAGE AND NOT THROUGH MARRYING

A man that takes a wife through marrying without her being given in marriage to him is not recognized as an "in-law". Rather it is those whom the parents have given their consent and the hand of their daughter in marriage, who marries her according to the laws and customs of the people having fulfilled the traditional marriage rites before family witnesses that are recognized as "in laws" in marriage. By this they are wed locked for life under the law of the husband as it were. **Rom 7:1-3; Mtt 8:14-15; Lk 12:53**

Marrying can be a secret affair without true witnesses, but being given in marriage is an open affair having witnesses that are true and faithful being bound by a law. Marrying is a self willed arrangement, while being given in marriage is a parent and family willed affair. The couples are not bound by any form of law to each other in marrying, but are in being given in marriage.

God does not want His people to be unequally yoked with unbelievers by marrying and in being given in marriage, because by the latter you become in laws being covenanted therein. **I Kings 11:1-3; Deu 7:1-4**

2 Cor 6:14-18 (Vr.14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **Vr.15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **Vr.16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Vr.17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **Vr.18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

It is by the law of the fathers from the bride's family presented to and accepted by the bridegroom and his family that "in-lawship" is established between the two families. And it is also by the law of the husband accepted by the bride in the process that the marriage is actualized. Without both couples consenting to these unwritten laws in tradition and customs, the marriage cannot hold. The bridegroom consents to the law of the fathers, while the bride consents to the law of the husband. Such laws are of the permissive ordinance of God for marriage in this world. **Gen 2:24; Gen 3:15; Num 30:1-16**

We can see that the family of Rebekah and Rebekah herself consented to the proxy marriage proposal that saw her being given to Isaac, the son of Abraham to wife. And the servant of Abraham gave her family precious things that stood as dowry for her hand in marriage.

Gen 24:1-67 (Vr.47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor' son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. **Vr.48** And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master' brother' daughter unto his son. **Vr.49** And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. **Vr.50** Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. **Vr.51** Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master' son' wife, as the LORD hath spoken. **Vr.52** And it came to pass, that, when Abraham' servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. **Vr.53** And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. **Vr.54** And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. **Vr.55** And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. **Vr.56** And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. **Vr.57** And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. **Vr.58** And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man?

And she said, I will go. **Vr.59** And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham' servant, and his men. **Vr.60** And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. **Vr.61** And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. **Vr.66** And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. **Vr.67** And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah' tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother' death.

Customarily, it is by the unwritten, but spoken traditions, beliefs and marriage customs embedded in the law of the fathers acceptable to both the husband and the bride that the two families consent to in order to become in-laws for as long as the marriage subsists. They are covenanted together through such laws in the marriage relationship. **Deu 7:2-6; Exo 34:11-16; I Kings 3:1**

These traditional rules guiding the giving away or giving out of the wife to her husband make up what we call “the law of the fathers” in that locality or community and the families are bound by them. It is like a handed down customary marriage act or code by which any community is guided by in the contracting of marriages.

In mere sexual intercourse called marrying no such unwritten code is involved or consented to between the couples. But in giving out in marriage, in-lawship is established between the families involved by it. So you do not just marry each other, you marry into the families as well. So you have obligations to your spouse’s parents, siblings, and other kin one way or the other as a result.

A man becomes an in-law to his wife’s family by accepting the terms of the law of the fathers presented to him in their tradition for giving out their daughters in marriage. By being given in marriage, wedlock is established but not by mere marrying. And God shall judge those that break wedlock in divorce at the end. So a wife more particularly, should better count the cost before agreeing to be locked in wedding for life to a man in being given in marriage to him. **Ezek 16:32,38; I Cor 7:4,26-27,39**

We shall look at some biblical example portraying “in lawship”.

[1] In the case of Jacob’s daughter, Dinah, that was married by Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite without her being given in marriage to him thereby defiling her. Now when he eventually asked for her hand in marriage, he asked for the “law of the fathers” to be fulfilled by him as customs demands for him now to rightfully be given Dinah in marriage by her family as his lawful wife.

Gen 34:1-26 (Vr.6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. **Vr.7** And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying [*marrying without their consent*] with Jacob' daughter; which thing ought not to be done. **Vr.8** And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife [*in marriage*]. **Vr.9** And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. **Vr.10** And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. **Vr.11** And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give [*according to the law of the father in the custom of your people*]. **Vr.12** Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. **Vr.13** And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: **Vr.14** And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us: **Vr.15** But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised; **Vr.16** Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us [*in marriage*], and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people [*as in laws*]. **Vr.17** But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone. **Vr.18** And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor' son. **Vr.19** And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob' daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father [*He sought to remedy the dishonourable thing he had done*].

[2] Jacob was ignorant of the law of the fathers according to the custom of the land when he sought for the younger daughter of Laban in marriage and he paid the price for such oversight with seven more years of hard labour.

Gen 29:14-30 (Vr.16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. **Vr.18** And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years [*as dowry payment*] for Rachel thy younger daughter. **Vr.19** And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. **Vr.21** And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. **Vr.22** And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a [*marriage*] feast. **Vr.23** And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him [*veiled most likely*]; and he went in unto her. **Vr.25** And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? **Vr.26** And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn [*contrary to the customary*]

law of the fathers]. **Vr.27** Fulfil her week, and we [the family not just I] will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

[3] We can also see the case of Samson when seeking a wife to be given to him in marriage. **Jud 14:1-20**

Jud 15:1-6 (Vr.1) But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. **Vr.2** And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. Vr.6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion [*contrary to the custom of the fathers*]. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

There is a customary law of the fathers in any community for marriage contracting, that a man that wants to be an in law to a woman's family has to accept and fulfill before she can be given to him as his wife. Also the woman has to accept and be subject to the law of the husband by which the man rightfully marries her and brings her into his home as his wife. These are unwritten traditionally accepted beliefs involved in traditional marriage as it were. If the law of the father and the law of the husband are not recognized, respected and adhered to accordingly, then the marriage would be on a shaky foundation if it proceeds. We shall elucidate on the law of the husband in subsequent literatures on marriage to come.

Any woman that is married by a man without parental permission and involvement in the manner of their receiving dowry or gifts on her behalf is not given in marriage and therefore is not a lawful wife in the eyes of both their families and their communities. In-lawship is not established in such a marital arrangement. In-lawship is not also established through the CAO "holy matrimony" ceremonies or Registry marriage conducted under Government laws, rather it is only through traditional marriage. In developed countries of the world, the former are the norm acceptable and routinely practiced amongst couples that are of age under their laws, whether obtaining parental consent or not, but this is an error biblically. In developing countries, whether you are of age or not, without parental consent traditional marriage cannot take place unlike the Government Marriage registry and some CAO "White" wedding, unfortunately.

It is only by giving in marriage that true in-lawship is established and not by marrying. By the former "In-lawship" relationship is established between the two families involved and the wife can now take on her husband's surname in exchange for her father's surname legitimately. A family that did not give their daughter in marriage to you as her husband cannot be your in-law

and the woman cannot take on your surname, rather you are on your own by such marrying. There is no family support cum backup for such marrying of which they were not involved nor gave their consent. All the children of such marriage still belongs to the woman's family and if she dies in that dishonourable marriage, her husband will have to be given her corpse in marriage to marry her in death, before her corpse can be buried by him and her children given to him as his own under the traditions of some communities. So be warned in that your self-willed dishonourable marriage arrangement, in which you have not yet fulfilled traditional rites for as it is.

ANIMALS MARRY BUT THEY ARE NOT GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

In the beginning, Man, being created as male and female, was meant to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth celestially to the glory of God without Woman, as the angels do in heaven. In the natural, this can be seen in asexual reproduction in trees; just as a fruitful vine bears fruit so was Adam meant to beget sons of God that way. **Lk 13:6-9; Isa 5:1-7; Jam 3:9**

Jn 15:1-8 (Vr.1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.**Vr.5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**Vr.8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **Vr.16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:

Jn 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. **Vr.24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Unfortunately, by the coming forth of the Woman and her interaction with the serpent that resulted in the fall of Man from the glory of God (**Rom 3:23**), a reversal of the divine reproduction system took place. The perfect will of God as it is done in heaven was substituted for the permissive will of God as it is done on earth. Adam was created equal unto the angels, but was made a little lower than them in transgression and Man began to breed children of the world through Woman like the animals. Why? That subtle beast of the field, an animal, the serpent exposed the nakedness of the Woman in the garden, and defiled her. An interaction of different flesh with each other, which ought not to be for all flesh is not the same flesh. Therefore, Man ended up being involved in animalistic copulation with her in "marrying and being given in marriage" in the world ever since. **Gen 2:20; Ps 8:4-5; Lev 18:23-30**

I Cor 15: 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts,

Eccl 3:18-21 (Vr.18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. **Vr.19** For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts [*even in marrying and bearing young ones*]; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. **Vr.20** All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Lev 20:15-16 (Vr.16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down [*marry*] thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Gen 3:1-7 (Vr.1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Vr.14** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this [*done what as a beast?*], thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Rev 12: 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The natural use of the woman by man in sexual intercourse is an exhibition of the animalistic tendency in human beings exhibiting the fallen Adamic nature/trait as it were. To marry means to have sex and animals do that a lot. Animals mate at random openly without shame even as sexually immoral men and women do, being likened unto dogs and bitches, rabbits, goats, chicken, etc. Intense and passionate sexual activity brings out the animal in men and women engaged therein. A sex starved man or woman behaves like an animal in bed when eventually they copulate.

Prov 7: 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. **Vr.22** He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter,

To marry is an animalistic tendency. It actually means to copulate. There is no real marriage on earth without copulation. Any marriage that is devoid of copulation is not marriage at all in this world and is liable to end in separation. No wedding can be true without it being consummated between the two parties involved as husband and wife.

It is quite unfortunate that most CAO in their doctrine on marriage do not bring to the fore this fundamental truth. They give a wrong impression to their adherents concerning marriage focusing and making out other mundane things as the primary concerns of marriage rather than sex, of which they continually evade to talk about, shying away from that which is at the heart

of marriage. So many are ignorant of this when seeking and entering into marriage unto being frustrated and making a shipwreck of it thereafter. You need to have a good understanding of a problem first before you can go about trying to solve it or else you will continue to go around in circles.

Man being made a little lower than angels manifests this in his involvement in marriage on earth, which is more in the same category as animals and that cannot be God's perfect will. The perfect will of God shall see man being made higher than angels being seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus on that day.

Animals "marry" by reason of their mating proclivity even as Men do, but it is only mankind that gives out the hand of a woman in marriage or are "given in marriage", with the paying of dowry and all the attendant customs and ceremony that goes with it. There are no ceremonies with animals even as men and women that marry, not being given in marriage; they are as animals in sexual behaviour as it were. You see this manifested in all manner of lasciviousness, concupiscence, uncleanness, revellings, etc.

Men and women that fall further into depravity and reprobation, behave even lower than animals in this marrying captivity. How? They leave the natural use of the woman unto engaging in unnatural use where copulation is involved. They dishonor their bodies between themselves in homosexuality - sodomy, lesbianism, bestiality, sexual orgies, and other sexual perversion which is an abomination that not even animals engaged in. It is a devilish bondage that makes man to be less than animals in deeds. **Lev 18:22-25**

Rom 1: 18-32 (Vr.22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, **Vr.24** Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **Vr.26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **Vr.27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. **Vr.28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Lev 20: 13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

CONCLUSION

Marrying and being given in marriage are for the children of the world, yet it is not compulsory for the redeemed children of God whom the Lord hath set aside for the gospel business either from the womb or otherwise. Why? Because it is a distraction that divides the focus and attention of those involved in it unto serving many masters rather than God wholly as it were. It is an entanglement of this world and not of the Kingdom. Those that want to remain wholly and completely focused unto the Lord in body and in spirit do not get involved in marriage rather they live as eunuchs and virgins for the Lord if so gifted.

But most of the CAOs by men's commandment make it compulsory for those to head their local assemblies as pastors to get involved in the marriage entanglement before they can be given charge over their congregations, while some other CAO get their priests to renounce ever getting into marriage but remain celibate for life according to men's oath taking. Both are in error unfortunately, enforcing the traditions and carnal ordinances of men upon their ministers, being not under compulsion subtly, rather than that of God. **2 Tim 2:1-4; Gal 5:1; I Tim 4:1-3; I Cor 9:5**

I Cor 7: 1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **Vr.7** For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. **Vr.8** I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. **Vr.9** But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. **Vr.32** But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: **Vr.33** But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. **Vr.34** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **Vr.35** And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. **Vr.36** But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry. **Vr.37** Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. **Vr.38** So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

Mtt 19:10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. **Vr.11** But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. **Vr.12** For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb [as

Christ and John the Baptist were]: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men [*like the Ethiopian eunuch*]: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake [*as Paul and Barnabas were*]. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

We have seen that to marry between male and female living creatures is accomplished through having sex. And where human beings are involved “marrying” is when the man and woman have sex without dowry payment being involved, while “to be given in marriage” requires the payment of dowry on the head of the woman that a man is marrying as his wife. The fundamental purpose for being given in marriage is sexual intercourse with the expectation of childbearing in establishing a natural family in a home, but not so with mere marrying.

In these last days, in which God the Father sent His Son Jesus the Christ into the world, He is focused on reconciling the world unto Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. Christ did not engage in establishing a natural family of sons of men, for himself through being given in marriage according to the will of the flesh and the will of man, rather by the Spirit he is raising sons of God, the family cum household of God in accordance to the Father’s perfect will. **2 Cor 5:17-20; Hebr 1:1-2; Eph 3:14-15**

Eph 2:11-22 (Vr.18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **Vr.19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; **Vr.20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **Vr.21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **Vr.22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 5: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **Vr.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. **Vr.32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

From the fall, the Man and his wife became natural, earthy, and terrestrial. And the one flesh union prophesied by God became possible through the natural use of the woman by the man in the sexual interaction called marriage unto producing children of this world in the process. **Rom 1:26-27; Gen 3:16**

Marriage is premised on sex by which a married couple begins a family and build up a home. A man marries a wife in order to build a home and establish his own family having left that of his father and mother as it were. If you do not want or like to have sex regularly with your spouse till death do you part, then marriage is not for you. We can say that marriage is the seed that is sown in the ground of the home in order to bear fruits in building a family. Marriage is not the family or the home, rather it is the input that produces the output, the family in a home.

Marriage is the legitimate means by which a new family is established in a home among mankind.

Unfortunately, this basic, simple truth concerning marriage is hidden in the CAO's teachings on the subject. They most often teach about marriage without talking about the foundation of it which is sex. Therefore, they ignorantly make the secondary things, which have to do with home keeping and family primary as basis for marriage, while leaving out or at best sending to the back burner the primary thing which has to do with issues about sex. By this majority of their adherents enter into marriage not having a robust sex education and with an erroneous understanding of what marriage truly means. The CAO leaves them to learn about sex from the world causing many to indulge in all manner of unnatural sexual pervasion in their marriages – having anal, oral sex and masturbation by use of sex toys, etc.

Without sex there can be no marriage and therefore no family building of a home by a man and a woman as married couples. Many in the CAO know this basic truth but they shy away from coming out to say it in order that they can feign spirituality in a carnal institution established through marriage. That is why the children of the world are wiser than the children of the kingdom where this subject is concerned.

Marriage is of the flesh and the flesh profiteth nothing at the end. Troubles in the flesh shall abound therein unabated, so do not be deceived. But it is in the Spirit that you can overcome them continually till the end, so the need for you to be spiritually minded therein. **Jn 6:63; Jn 16:33; Gal 5:16-17; Job 14:1-2; I Cor 7:28**

We shall continue on this extensive topic about marriage in subsequent literatures, delving into sex proper, in order that the redeemed children of God would not make a shipwreck of their heavenly faith journey being ignorant of the wiles of the flesh and the Devil in this area. Till then, may the Lord be with you continually in Jesus name. Amen.

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