

"INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES IN LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURES"

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The Bible has much to say about marriage. In fact, it was ordained by God in the Garden of Eden.

It was God's plan for a man and a woman to marry before having a sexual relation. *"And Adam knew Eve his wife:..."* Genesis 4:1. Notice it was not his girlfriend or his live-in, but his wife.

The Bible makes it clear as to God's attitude toward premarital sex. *"Marriage is honourable in all and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."* Hebrews 13:4.

When a woman engages in premarital sex, she has played the whore. When a man does so, he is looked upon as a whoremonger. While this is accepted in a religious but perverted society, it is certainly NOT accepted in the sight of God. Rest assure, God will judge this kind of wickedness.

Marriage is not to be taken lightly. The matter is so serious it must be entered into with the utmost caution. It is considered a lifelong commitment. When one takes a vow in marriage they are committing to one another until death has parted them. *"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from the law; so that she is no adulteress, though she is married to another man."* Romans 7:2-3.

Marriage is God joining a man and a woman in wedlock. *"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 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? Wherefore they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God had joined together, let not man put asunder."* Matthew 19:4-6.

Marriage is a life binding commitment and those who divorce and remarry have committed adultery. *"And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery."* Matthew 19:9.

Yet, we live in a society that has no regard for the Scriptures. They promise a vow in marriage until death parts them, turn around and divorce for any reason that suits them, repeat the same lie before god again and get remarried. Since marriage is such a serious matter, we ought to make sure we start out right. Failing to do so will bring the judgment of God.

Bible boundaries include faith as well as race. Christians are not to be “*unequally yoked with unbelievers*.” 2 Corinthians 6:14.

Both testaments show much on the subject. Both testaments were believed by Christ. “*For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*” John 5:46-47.

“*And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*” Luke 24:44.

The Apostle Paul believed both testaments. “...believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.” Acts 24:14.

Genesis 9 records the over-spreading of the world by the three sons of Noah; Shem and Japheth. In the same passage that mentions them, God specifically points out “*and Ham is the father of Canaan*.” Genesis 9:18. It is obvious God wants us to pay particular attention to something about Ham and his descendants.

These three sons are races in themselves. From Shem descended the Jews, from Japheth the Gentiles, from Ham the servant class because of a curse put upon his son Canaan, by Noah. Ham’s sin with his father Noah is recorded in Genesis 9, while Noah is drunk and uncovered in his tent. When Noah awakes he is sober and knows what Ham has done. It is then he pronounces a curse upon Canaan, Ham’s son (Noah’s grandson).

Though the descendants of Canaan are black folks, the curse was not black skin but servitude. “*A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.*” Genesis 9:25.

Science recognizes three classes as Mongoloid – Jew, Caucasian – Gentiles and Negroid – Ham. All other races come from crossbreeding between these three, as well as a mixture of crossbreeds among themselves.

Egypt is termed the land of Ham. Psalm 105:23. In Genesis 12:10-20, Abraham goes down to Egypt to sojourn there. The Egyptians are dark skin and behold Abraham’s wife as “*very fair*”. Genesis 12:14. It is early on we learn that Hamites like “*fair*” skinned women.

Scriptures give more than a hint that Hamites are interested in changing their skin tone. “*Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?*” Jeremiah 13:23. In case you missed it, a leopard’s spots are black as well as the skin of an Ethiopian.

The curse is put upon Ham's son Canaan. For us to see what God says concerning Interracial Marriage, we must study Canaan and his descendants. Genesis 10 records their descendants. In Deuteronomy 21:11, God gives permission to marry a "*captive*".

In Deuteronomy 20, Israel is commanded to destroy the sons of Canaan. "*But thou shalt utterly destroy them. Namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.*" Deuteronomy 20:17.

These are black folks whether you like it or not. Black folks inhabited the land of Canaan and built cities that would later be taken by Israel. God commands Israel to "*drive them out.*" Why? The Canaanite is in the wrong boundary. In fact, the proof of the presence of God among the Israelites was the absence of the black skinned folk of Canaan. "And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites." Joshua 3:10. It is obvious God is a separator, not a mixer. It is God who set the boundaries that men might "*seek the Lord...*" Acts 17:26-27. Satan uses the one world movement to eliminate differences that God has given. That is why the Charismatic movement is popular in the world, it eliminates differences in doctrine. Satan wants to eliminate differences in sexes, thus unisex hairdo and apparel for men and women.

Satan wants to eliminate color by interracial marriages. Someone will ask why do we have to see color when we look at one another? Why can't we just see each other as people? The same reason you see a Poodle, German Shepherd, Beagle, etc. God made us different and set the bounds. You don't get thoroughbreds by taking the fences down. You get thoroughbreds by putting the fences up.

Those who have been brainwashed by the media and talk show hosts say, "*love is color blind.*" Wrong! Lust is color blind.

God is not color blind and real love comes from God. Real love is not grieved at the commandments of God. "*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*" I John 5:3.

Those who remove the boundaries are frowned upon by the Lord. "*The princes of Judah were like them that remove the boundaries therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.*" Hosea 5:10.

When God mentions a person they are usually mentioned by their father's name and nationality.

God is a divider. He divided the light from darkness, Genesis 1:4; male from female, Genesis 1:27; Nations, Genesis 10:32; languages Genesis 11:1; the beast after his kind, Genesis 1:25; cattle after their kind and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, Genesis 1:25.

It is God who set the bounds, and man has always tried to move them.

God gave Israel a land to possess. In order for her to possess it, she must first cast out many nations. *"When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and has cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou."* Deuteronomy 7:1.

These are descendants of Canaan (black folks). Genesis 1:15-17.

Notice what God said about these seven black nations. *"And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son."* Deuteronomy 7:2-3.

Not once do you find God saying it is alright to marry up with Hamites as long as you don't serve their gods, or as long as they are saved. Every time these are mentioned, it will be the same thing. Marriages with Hamites were forbidden. It was God who chose Israel above all people. Deuteronomy 7:6.

To sin against God in breaking the appointed bounds is to bring the sickness of other countries to our land. *"And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hath thee."* Deuteronomy 7:15.

God is not a respecter of persons in salvation, but He certainly is a respecter of races when it comes to service.

The curses of Genesis have NOT been done away with in the New Testament. Because of skin, man still returns to the dust from whence he came, Genesis 3:19. Women still have to bring forth children in pain, Genesis 3:16. Thorns and thistles still plague the farmer, Genesis 3:18. The serpent still crawls upon its belly eating dust, Genesis 3:14. And the Ethiopian cannot change the color of his skin.

In Genesis 10:15, Sidon, Canaan's first born is mentioned. In Matthew 11:20-23, it is recorded of mighty works that failed to cause Chorazin and Bethsaida to repent. If they had been done in *"Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."*

Why was it God did not send workers to those who would have repented? Was it because of a curse? In Matthew 15:21-28, a woman of Canaan, (a black woman) begs Christ in behalf of her daughter. Christ terms her people as dogs. *"...It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs."* Matthew 15:26. Unlike modern day blacks yelling about equal rights, this woman humbles herself and says *"Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the Master's table."* Matthew 15:27.

In Luke, the Jews were filled with wrath because help had been sent to their servant (Canaanites). *"But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a City of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow."* Luke 4:26. By the time you get to verse 29, they are throwing Christ out of the City and have a mind to throw him headlong down the hill.

Canaan's next son is Heath. Genesis 10:15. *"And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heath."* Genesis 23:7. Abraham purchased a field from the Sons of Heath to bury himself and his wife Sarah. Genesis 25:10.

After Abraham dies, God blesses his son Isaac. Genesis 25:11. By the time you get to Genesis 27:46, Rebekah, Isaac's wife, is concerned about The daughters of Heath (Black women) *"and Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heath: if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heath, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?"* Genesis 27:46.

Notice the charge Isaac gives to his son Jacob concerning these black women. *"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."* Genesis 28:1.

Canaan's next descendants are the Jebusites, Amorite, the Girgashite, Hivite, and the Arkite, the Sinite, the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite, Genesis 10:16-18. God tells Moses to take Israel into the land He has promised the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Exodus 33:1. *"And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite:"* Exodus 33:2.

The Jebusites and the Amorites were mountain dwellers. Numbers 13:29.

Refusing to offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing, David busy the threshing floor of Araunah, the Jebusite, to intreat the Lord to stop a plague. 2 Samuel 24:16-25.

It is recorded the children of Judah could not drive out the Jebusites. *"As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day."* Joshua 15:63. *"And the*

children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.” Judges 1:21.

What the children of Judah would not do finally became something they could not do. No doubt the problem was because of a new generation, of new thinkers who had not the mind of the Lord. “...and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.” Judges 2:10.

And do you know what they did? They forsook the Lord and embraced the doctrine of Balaam (Immorality, Idolatry, and Interracial Marriages). “*And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Balaam.*” Judges 2:11.

The Doctrine of Balaam taught the people of Israel to fornicate with people who had a curse of servitude upon them, descendants of Canaan, black folks, if you please. Revelation 2:14, Deuteronomy 23:3-4, Nehemiah 13:2, Numbers 25.

In Judges 19:11, we learn the Jebusites have a city, Jerusalem, the City of the Jebusites are taken by David, and an officers promotion is promised to those who “*smiteth*” the Jebusites. 2 Samuel 5:6,8.

Once again the words come ringing in our ears to “drive out”, make no covenant, and make no marriages with these people. Exodus 34:11, 16.

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While we may quote Joshua 24:15, “...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” let us not forget it is in connection with verses 8-14. The “*Amorites fought with you, yet God destroyed them*.” Joshua 24:8. Balaak, the king of Moab, hires Balaam to curse Israel. Joshua 24:9-10. The Sons of Canaan Joshua 24:11. Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, Hivites, and the Jebusites, God gave them into the hand of Israel.

God had the Hebrews to drive out the Hamites because they were in the wrong boundary.

While Israel is in bondage in Egypt, the iniquity of the Amorites is getting full. God tells Abraham that Israel will be a stranger in a land that is not theirs. Genesis 15:13. That nation Israel serves will be judged by the Lord. Genesis 15:14. Abraham will die. Genesis 15:15. The iniquity of the Amorites will be full in Israel’s fourth generation. Genesis 15:16. God makes a covenant to give the land to Abraham’s seed. Genesis 15:18.

When Israel (Jacob) dies he gives to Joseph, *“one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.”* Genesis 48:21-22. (if you notice the Amorites, descendants of Ham, black folks, did not give up without a fight. The sword and bow are implements of war).

In Deuteronomy 20:16, god as much as says, if it breathes, kill it. Then he names them *“But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God commanded thee:”* Deuteronomy 20:17. (These are descendants of Ham, black folks).

Again, I remind you the proof of God among the Israelite was the absence of black folks, descendants of Ham. *“And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.”* Joshua 3:10.

And where would these black folks go? They had two choices, one was to their appointed bounds, *“the land of Ham”* Psalm 105:23, or the graveyard.

In the days of Joshua, he comes up against the Amorites. Joshua 10:12. *“...The Lord fought for Israel.”* Joshua 10:14. God reminds a disobedient people he gave them the land of the Amorites. Judges 6:9-10. Israel possesses all the coasts of the Amorites. Judges 11:19-24. Peace did not come until cities had been restored to Israel. 1 Samuel 7:14.

Gibeonites were of the remnant of the Amorites. 2 Samuel 21:12. When God condemns Ahab for his wickedness, He compares him to the abominable things of the Amorites, *“whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.”* I Kings 21:10-15. God reminds Israel of her own abominations and where He brought her from. Ezekiel 16:3,45.

When God pronounces judgment upon Judah, He reminds them of the sins of Moab and the destruction of the Amorite. Amos 2:1,9.

Next, we see the Girgashite. God promises to give their land to Abraham's seed. Genesis 15:10-21. The promise was performed. Nehemiah 19:8. They were one of seven nations grater than Israel. Deuteronomy 7:1.

Next, we read about the Hivite, another descendant of Ham. Genesis 10:17. A Hivite by the name of Shechem defiled the daughter of Jacob, Dinah, by lying with her; *“which thing ought not to be done.”* Genesis 34:1-8. These descendants of Ham wanted to make marriages with the children of Jacob. Genesis 34:8-10. This Hivite (Hamite) *“longeth for your daughter.”*

Genesis 34:8. Had Jacob obeyed the Lord instead of looking for gain, he could have avoided this tragedy.

Esau took two wives of the daughters of Canaan in defiance of his parents. One of them was a Hivite. Genesis 36:2.

In Exodus, God says drive them out. Exodus 23:28. God sends an angel to drive them out. Exodus 33:2. God warns to make no covenant with them. Exodus 34:11 and in Joshua 9:1, the sons of Canaan are gathered in unity to fight against Joshua and Israel. Some of the Canaanites were left in the land to prove Israel. *"To know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord."* Judges 3:4.

Interracial relationships bring much heartache. Abraham lost thirteen years of fellowship with God over his Hamite relationship. Genesis 16-17. Lot's Hamite relationship produces two half-breed daughters who finally commit incest with their father, producing two nations with Hamite blood in their veins, Moabites and children of Ammon. Both are enemies of the children of Israel. The sin of Lot carries its influence even unto the church age and the present hour. The Doctrine of Balaam is finally sitting in the pew of the Church. Revelation 2:14.

The Bible records Moses had a Hamite relationship. It is recorded because it was a fact, NOT because it was the will of God. The will of God is make no marriages with them. The Bible also records David committing adultery with a Hamite. It is recorded as a fact and NOT the will of God. The will of God is thou shalt not commit adultery.

Before the coming of Christ, there will be many more half-breed producing marriages that will, in turn, produce more hate and envy against what the Lord has commanded.

Preachers now are looking at the cities of which they live and are planning ways to make what society has done to be acceptable in the Church. Let me remind you, we cannot make God to fit the society. We are to make the society to fit the Lord.

The New Testament does not condemn slavery. What it does condemn is the misuse of a slave. Ephesians 6:5-9, I Timothy 6:1-2, Colossians 4:1, Philemon 10. Onesimus was a slave of Philemon. (And no, I'm not for slavery).

The church at Pergamos did not believe the doctrine of Balaam. Their sin was allowing those who did to stay in their congregations. The doctrine of Balaam involved *"eating things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication."* Revelation 2:14 (Idolatry and Immorality). When we review the Old Testament, we find the rest of the story. Numbers 22-25 records Balaam's deeds. He is a preacher trying to make God fit the society of Moab. Failing to do so, he

teaches seduction to the children of Moab. They, in turn, seduce the children of Israel, and Israel's on sins bring the judgment of God upon themselves. When we get to Nehemiah 13, we find the doctrine of Balaam alive and operating at the House of God. God had said the Moabites should not come into the House of God forever. Nehemiah 13:1. Not only had they been allowed in, they were MARRIED to some of the Jews. Nehemiah 13:23.

Nehemiah contends with them and makes them swear *"ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters undo your sons, for yourselves"*. Nehemiah 13:25.

In verse 27, he refers to these as *"marrying strange wives"*. When Ezra prays and confesses before the house of God. Men, women and children have gathered and wept sore. Ezra 10:1. One of the sons of Elam says to Ezra, *"We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land:"* Ezra 10:2. *"Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away. All the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and those that tremble at the commandment of our God;..."* Ezra 10:19. The Word of the Lord then records those who had taken strange wives.

It is clear by these passages the doctrine of Balaam includes Interracial Marriages.

In Salvation, *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all on in Christ Jesus."* Galations 3:28. In salvation, there is no difference but when it comes to marriage, there is.

I am sure it was hard for those men to put away their wives and children. No doubt many hearts were torn and tears shed. However, they knew they had sinned against the Lord in marrying the daughters of Moab. There is a high price to pay for low living, and now they are paying.

God condemns the doctrine of Balaam. When we look at Balaam's deed, we see a hireling prophet. When we look at Balaam's doctrine, we see Idolatry, Immorality, and Interracial Marriages. God condemns them all.

Concerning Canaan's last sons, the Arkite and the Sinite, only their genealogy is mentioned. Genesis 10:17. 1 Chronicles 1:15. The Arvadite, Zemarite and Hamathite are mentioned in Genesis 10:18, 1 Chronicles 1:16.

It is like the song, "Getting Used to the Dark" says. "We're getting used to the dark, we're not trying to change any hearts, we're just getting used to the dark". May the Lord help us not get used to the sins of society. We may not be able to stop it, but we can refuse to accept it. We can certainly stand up against it.

Someone will think Interracial Marriage might be accepted in the cities and not in smaller towns. Let me remind you, the Word of the Lord is the same for town, city or county.

What about their souls? Aren't we to be concerned for the souls of these people? Yes, but being concerned for a soul's salvation does not include condoning this lifestyle. Once again, do not be deceived into thinking you can reach people by making God to fit their lifestyle. Repentance turns a man toward God, not God toward man.

There are many who believe the curse upon Canaan did not affect all blacks. If that is true, someone needs to inform the Black Religious Leaders of America, they certainly do not know it. Someone needs to inform the Black celebrities of the entertainment world, they do not know it. The Black athletics of the pro-ball world do not know it. The Black politicians do not know it. The common working class Blacks certainly does not know it.

Make no mistake about it, the curse of Genesis 9 cannot be changed. It comes from the hand of God because of the sins of the forefathers. People may ignore it, others may try to explain it away, but no one will be able to change it. For over a thousand plus years, no one has been able to change it. It is irrefutable proof of the inspiration of the Word of God.

For those who have already crossed the line in this matter, ask for forgiveness of God, take no offense at the Word of God. Rather than justifying yourself, help others not commit the same error. Serve God to the best of your ability.

The message is ever the same. It is still Heaven or Hell, saved or lost, turn or burn. May the Lord use us to help turn men to Him.

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