

God's Scriptural Example

When Abraham and Sarah became impatient with God's promise of a child through the proper marital relationship, Sarah suggested that maybe God wanted to provide the child another way - S.M.. Her maid, Hagar was then given to Abraham solely for the purpose of giving birth to a child. The account in Genesis 16 reveals the immediate conflict that resulted. The news coverage today and the account in Genesis 16 are remarkably similar. The tragedy of S.M. is further seen when we consider that the whole Jewish-Arab conflict to this day traces its roots back to the children of Sarah and Hagar.

God's way of Salvation

The question of being right with God is not "Am I living a good enough life?". Nor is it the statement "I'm doing the best I can". Salvation is not gained by what WE do for God, rather it is a free gift based on the FINISHED WORK of Jesus Christ! (Eph. 2:8,9) Religion is MAN'S effort to please God. Becoming a Christian, is believing that GOD has already done all that needs to be done for me to be saved. Many religious people on judgment day will discover to their utter despair that "religion" will not allow them into the presence of God in heaven. (Matt. 7:21-23)

The vital question is "Are your sins forgiven?" All men are sinners by NATURE and by action. (Rom. 3:23 5:12 Eph. 2:1-3) We don't become sinners when we sin; we sin because we ARE sinners. Our very NATURE towards God is corrupt. (Is. 53:6 Rom. 3:10-13) Because we are sinners we experience death. (Rom. 6:23) Death is not only physical (separation of the soul from the body); but also spiritual (separation of the soul eternally from God) (2 Cor. 5 Gen. 3). Man's only hope of being reconciled to God is through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-19) Through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection He paid the penalty for man's sin and made it possible for believers to be freed from the bondage and condemnation of sin. (1 Cor. 15:1-7 1 Pet. 2:24) Forgiveness is possible through His shed blood. (1 Peter 1:18, 19) By TOTALLY trusting Jesus as your Saviour as your ONLY hope of being made right with God; you can be saved from the condemnation you justly deserved. (Jn. 1:12 3:16 Acts 16:31 4:12)

SERVICES

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

THE CORNERSTONE

BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT

Surrogate Mothering



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Surrogate Mothering is a symptom of a disease called Humanism. Humanism is determining right or wrong without reference to God or His Word. In the book of Judges it is described as "...every man doing that which is right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). In our quote "modern age" we must be careful that we don't assume that just because science has made something possible, that it is therefore right! God's Word is the ultimate and final authority to determine the rightness or wrongness of any issue. It is very revealing that in all the media coverage of S.M., rarely is there any mention of the Bible. Much of the destruction taking place in our country can be traced to failing to consider God's Design of His creation.

God's Design For Conception

Conception and childbirth by the humanist are assumed to be a totally natural process, that may be tampered with by man at his will. Nothing is sacred any more and beyond man's domain. But the Bible makes it clear that God is supernaturally involved in conception. Repeatedly, the Bible affirms that God is supernaturally involved in conception (Gen. 30:22 Deut. 7:13 1 Sam. 1:5 Job 3:10 Is 44:24 66:9 Lk. 1:31 Ruth 4:13). Furthermore, not only does God open and shut the womb, but he sovereignly directs the DNA union so that the personality, intellect, gifts and abilities are those that match God's purpose for that individual (Psalm 139:13-18 Job 10:8,9 Eccl. 11:5 Is 49:5).

God's Design For The Body

The body belongs to God (1 Cor. 6:13-20)! It is only to be used as He designed. A lady's body is not a machine to be used to produce a product. God designed the "natural use" (Rom. 1:27) of the body, which some have forsaken. Even a simple understanding of the anatomy of men and women will reveal what is the meaning of God's "natural use"

of the body. God intends that man's "seed of copulation" should be released in the marital union of husband and wife relationship (Gen. 2:24 Heb. 13:4). If a man's seed of copulation go out any other way, God considers it to be an uncleanness (Lev. 15:16-18 Deut. 23:10,11 Gen. 38:8-10) The N.T. reinforces that "uncleanness" is not of God's Spirit but of the flesh (Gal. 5:19). In order for Surrogate mothering to take place man's "seed of copulation" is normally acquired through masturbation. Masturbation is clearly a violation of Scripture (1 Cor. 6:12).

God's Design of Motherhood

In God's wisdom he provided the means whereby a mother and her baby could become emotionally attached to each other before the child is born into the world. God further prepares the mother and child for each other by designing the mother's body to nurse the newborn child, so that the tender relationship established, might continue (1 Thess. 2:7). For a mother to forsake her nursing child, the son of HER WOMB is contrary to Scripture and God given motherly desires.

God's Design For Family

God designed marriage as a picture of the salvation He has provided through Christ. This explains why Satan is attacking marriage through divorce, sodomy, abortion, contraceptives and now even S.M.. To adulterate the marriage picture is to mar God's saving message of salvation. Adultery is not limited to the act of intercourse, but it includes the union of man's seed with the woman's seed. If these seeds are joined outside of God ordained sacred marital relationships; it is adultery (Heb. 13:4 2 Cor. 6:14 Deut. 7:3). The ultimate expression of the marital union, "two becoming one" (Gen. 2:24), is seen in the children. The likeness of both parents in the children is an object lesson of the spiritual union we have with Him through Christ when we are saved. God indicates His displeasure with S.M. when he disapproves of a "bastard" child in Hebrews 12:8.