

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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*“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother,
and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh”*

Genesis 2:24

As you are no doubt aware, there is a massive effort underway to redefine what is meant by ‘marriage’. Already three states have given sanction to the idea of “same sex marriage” – Massachusetts, Vermont and Iowa (*Oh Iowa, what were you thinking!*). On top of that comes news out of the Netherlands of the first “Triad” marriage where three persons form a ‘bond’. And efforts are now underway in many quarters to broaden the definition of marriage to include pretty much any living arraignment you can conceive.

So what? Does it matter? Should we be concerned with what other people do in the privacy of their own homes? The problem of course is that marriage by its very nature is not a matter restricted to “the privacy of one’s home.” Marriage is a *public* act. It is that time and place where a man and a woman, “*before God and these witnesses*” pledge themselves to establish a home – a safe place for children to be brought up and nurtured by a father and a mother who have committed themselves and all they have to that vital, life-long process.

That’s why **God** made marriage (Mal 2:14). Marriage is not a man-made institution. It’s not just a legal matter to be decided by the courts or legislated by civil authorities. From the beginning God made man and woman and ordained that they would come together in the institution of marriage in order to provide a stable and secure foundation for all of human life. *It is that important!* Once you lose the home (with marriage at the center), you take the first step toward the dissolution of all society. It is indeed terrifying to note that no culture in history has outlived it’s homes. God help us as we consider the state of our own nation in these troubling days and pray for a return to biblical sanity.

Seeking God’s Wisdom as we look at His Word this morning,

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