

## The Oologah Informer

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### MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE

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#### Service Times

##### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

Guest Speaker: Landon Rowell

#### PM Sermon:

Bind Us Together  
(Rom 15:5-7)

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Judges – D. Jackson

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

Book of Acts – Vance Smith

#### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KOTV- TV 6  
Sunday mornings at 8:00 am

#### The Gospel Playlist Radio Network

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**WHAT IS MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO GOD?** Simply, marriage is defined by God as the union of two individuals, one male and one female, for sexual, social, and procreative purposes. This is exactly what the universal God created and instituted in the very beginning (cf. **Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-6:4**). However, the first violation of this is seen in the act of polygamy (the taking upon one's self more than one spouse at a time) and seen in the descendants of Cain (**Genesis 4:19, 23**). Lamech, the great, great, Great, great, great grandson of Cain, took unto him two wives (**4:19**). By the time you arrive at the sixth chapter of Genesis, you will read about the great sin of the world that involved the relationships between male and female. No doubt, the violation of God's marriage law, one man for one woman till death do they depart (**Romans 7:1ff.**), affected the world then. Jesus, in commenting on marriage, clearly confirmed what marriage was from the beginning when he said: "*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 hath joined together, let not man put asunder*" (**Matthew 19:4-6**). If you noticed, two (twain) became one, not three or more, but two. Therefore, polygamy is and has always been sinful. According to God, one male and one female can become one. Furthermore, marriage is *not* for the homosexual. They may "shack up," or civilly be united, or considered as such by some; but in *all reality*, this is nothing more than a sinful relationship. Homosexuality is sinful, not safe or sound; and a homosexual marriage will not sanctify this sin!

**WHAT SCRIPTURALLY DISSOLVES A MARRIAGE?** Many will be eternally lost on the Day of Judgment because of marriage, unscriptural marriages, and divorce. There are only three reasons given in Scripture that approve or give allowance for dissolving a marriage. Only two of those reasons permit the innocent or living party the privilege of remarriage to another person. The third reason, which is physical, emotional, or spiritual abuse, does *not* allow for remarriage (**1 Corinthians 7:10-15; 14:37**). The first two reasons: adultery/fornication and death allow for the living party and the innocent victim — who has not committed adultery — the privilege of remarrying another innocent or scriptural party (cf. **Matthew 5:31-32; 19:9; Mark 10:11; Luke 16:18**). God hates divorce, and whoremongers, and adulterers He will judge severely (**Malachi 2:16; Hebrews 13:4**). Also, death ends a marriage, and the living party has a right, then, to remarry another living party who is scripturally available. One final note on this: Mormons are "dead" wrong when they speak of eternal or celestial marriages. The Bible clearly teaches that death ends a marriage, and in eternity, we are *not* given in marriage, but will be as the angels (**Matthew 22:30; Romans 7:1ff**). Marriage is a beautiful thing when kept in the holiness and purity of godliness! It is truly a blessing to find one's soul mate. As

the Proverbs writer said: “*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord*” (**Proverbs 18:22**). Marriage should promote faithfulness to God, not hinder it! It is most unfortunate that so many people do not recognize the purposes and point of marriage.