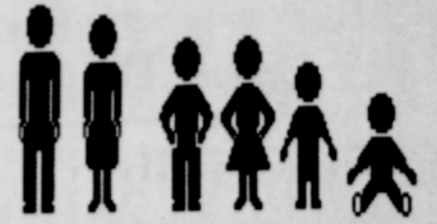




RELIGION

Strengthen Your Faith Through Prayer And Regular Church Worship

SCRIPTURE OF THE
WEEK
Psalms 23



Love And Marriage . . . Hate And Divorce

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Everyday we look into the pages of the newspapers or magazines, see the stories on the television screen or hear the issues revealed on the air waves of the radio--all pronouncing the decline of the Holy Ceremony called marriage, it makes me shudder.

Society has dictated how, when, and why marriage should or should not continue, who you should marry, how long you may stay married and even the when part.

I hear disturbing reports about safe sex, for which there is none outside of marriage. Man is constantly putting bandages on the symptoms instead of finding a cure for the cause. Many-a-time the cure is staring them right in the face; but, they don't want to do that--its too much like RIGHT. While mapping out a course for correction, we journey through the freezing cold of the Antarctic just to find our way across the street in front of our house. This, to some, may be extreme; but, this is usually a true analogy of how man finds answers to his problems.

Marriage is no exception. If one of the mates is not too tall or too short, they're too ugly or too fat or just too-too anything that society considers them to be.

The Holy Scriptures reveal the whys and wherefores of marriage and how man is to enter into its dominions.

Whether you be Jew or Gentile, free or slave, Christian believer or sinner, we all repeat the same vows. Some timidly and some boldly exclaim, "I do!"

When God first created man, man was alone. He created, for him (man), a help mate (woman). "This is it!" Adam exclaimed, "She is part of my own bone and flesh! Her name is woman because she was taken out of a man." This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife in such a way that he two become one person. [Gen. 2:23-24]

At one point in time, man was concerned with the propagation of the human race. Yes! A man was considered rich by the number of wives and children he had; along with the cattle and the land. Now here's the kicker--after Christ, all lawful marriages were to be monogamous, "Cleaving only to her/him as long as ye both shall live." This does not mean that you are to go out and do away with your spouse so that you can marry someone else who may have caught your fancy.

A man / woman who loves themself should, in fact, love their mates because God has instructed that "Husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when he died for her. A man must love his wife as a part of himself. The wife must willingly obey her husband just as the church obeys Christ. She must submit herself to her husband's leadership in the same way that we submit ourselves to the Lord." [Eph. 5:21-33]

The biggest problem in a marriage is communication. "I am not going to speak to him/her and I don't want to even hear what he/she might have to say. And I am not going to listen to anyone who might want to make up." These words have been uttered many a times. But . . . listen to these words of wisdom, not because I said it but because the Scripture is saying it. "So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to." [Eph. 5:15-17] As a means to find a solution to this problem, sometimes one of the mates may drink alcohol or take drugs. This is their lament, "I just can't take it anymore. Using or taking this stuff seems to help take the sting out of what I have to face." WRONG! The Scripture says, "Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by him (the Holy Spirit). Learn how to talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks to the Lord for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor Christ by submitting to each other." [Eph. 5:18-20]

Learn how to pray together. Hold hands and pray. Feel one another's pain and sorrow. Don't leave your mate grieving when you can ease the pain with a touch or embrace to be placed at just the right time.

"What God has joined together let no one put asunder." Let no man or woman (from outside the marriage) distract the attentiveness of one from another by words of envy, jealousy or evil ventures. Rather than turn to others outside your union--turn to one another and to Christ's teachings. The

wife should n't go to another man to be consoled and the husband should not go to another woman for comfort.

"Young men, listen to me, and never forget what I'm about to say: Run from her! Don't go near her house, lest you fall to her temptation and lose your honor, and give the remainder of your life to the cruel and merciless, lest strangers obtain your wealth, and you become a slave of foreigners. Lest afterwards you groan in anguish and in shame, when syphilis consumes your body, and you say, "Oh, if only I had listened! If only I had not demanded my own way! Oh, why wouldn't I take advice? Why was I so stupid? For now I must face public disgrace.

Drink from your own well, my son--be faithful and true to your own wife. Why would you beget children with women of the street? Why share your children with those outside your home? Let your manhood be a blessing; rejoice with your wife of your youth.

Love is ordained by God. But . . . love has been so misconstrued by mankind. It has been used as a means to lure and tempt. This is not of God. Open your eyes to the changing of the times. Read your Scripture. Daily.

The LOVE that God has for us is a different kind of love. The Love that man has for his wife is a different kind of love. "Men, live happily with the woman you love through the fleeting days of life, for the wife God gives you is your best reward down here for all your earthly toil. Whatever you do, do well, for in death, where you are going, there is no working or planning, or knowing, or understanding." [Eccles. 9:9-10]

To Be Continued Next Week

Chaplain Coleman Receives Employee Honor--for the 2nd Time!



James Coleman receives his Employee of the Month award from Vice President Mina Stewart.

Chaplain James Coleman is the recipient of April's Employee of the Month award. Jim has worked at Emanuel since 1972, and has the special honor of having been chosen an Employee of the Month when the program was first implemented in 1984.

The Rev. Coleman is described consistently as compassionate and caring, always available to talk to

and console families, patients and staff. He never hesitates to come in during the middle of the night. He simply states, "I'll be right in."

His career is significant at Emanuel. He was the first non-Lutheran chaplain here and as such has performed pioneering work for his denomination, the Church of God.

"He demonstrates a variety of skills in addition to direct ministry,"

says the Rev. William Adix, lead chaplain. "He is also actively involved in staff support. He is seen as a pastoral resource, first for his sensitivity to people and second for his willingness to take a stand on issues and act on them. The staff does turn to him for advice and support."

Here is what some of the employees who nominated Jim have to say about him:

"He is kind and gentle with staff and families and patients. He never complains."

"A very compassionate, caring individual."

"He takes care of patient and family needs while accommodating the needs of busy staff nurses. He deals well with grieving and distraught families."

"I have heard from so many families what a kind and truly interested person he is. He is a great asset to the hospital."



Commission Meeting

Date: May 9, 1990
Place: Portland Building
1120 SW Fifth Ave., 11th Fl.
Portland, OR
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC. Call 796-5300.

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for
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JIM DUNCAN SAYS: "State priorities must reflect the needs of the people. Voters in HD 19 are concerned about Education, Crime, Drugs, Property Taxes, and declining Human Services."

JIM DUNCAN KNOWS THAT:

- ✓ Funding for Education from State must be increased to create an offset to local property taxes.
- ✓ Crime and Drugs are out of control. Our parks are not safe. More State intervention is needed if we are to remove the "crack houses" in NE Portland.
- ✓ More help and services by HD 19 Elderly and by HD19 Parents with MR & ED Children in the State Hospital at Fairview.
- ✓ Problems in the Workers Compensation System and with State Accident Insurance Fund must be solved. Injured workers and employers are in a hostage, no-win situation, as long as the system remains unchanged.
- ✓ Some of our community leaders, individual citizens, and business owners in HD 19 feel they do not have ACCESS to GOVERNMENT through the present elected leaders.

JIM DUNCAN will make your safety, your concerns, your welfare, his primary emphasis.
Call him at 287-9462.

- ✓ INDEPENDENT VOTERS: Please remember you have the right to vote in the Oregon Republican Primary.
- ✓ Jim Duncan has been endorsed by the 1990 Oregon Black Political Convention.

Authorized by ELECT JIM DUNCAN COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 8604, Portland, OR 97207-8604. Ron Hall, Treasurer

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BIBLE STUDY:
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9:00 A.M.

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6:30 P.M.

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7:30 P.M.



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