



Hosea = Contrast & Contradiction

Loyal /
Sacrificial Love

Marital Unfaithfulness /
Spiritual Waywardness

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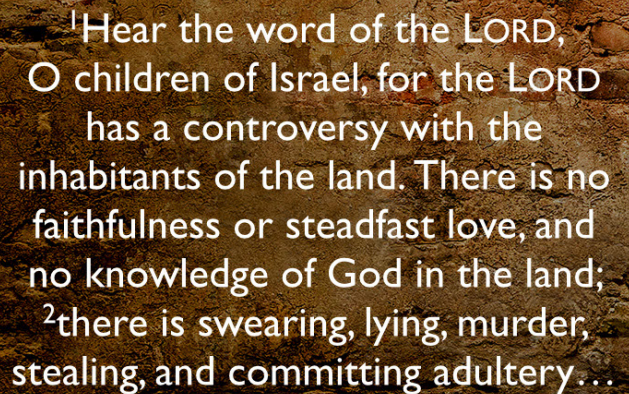
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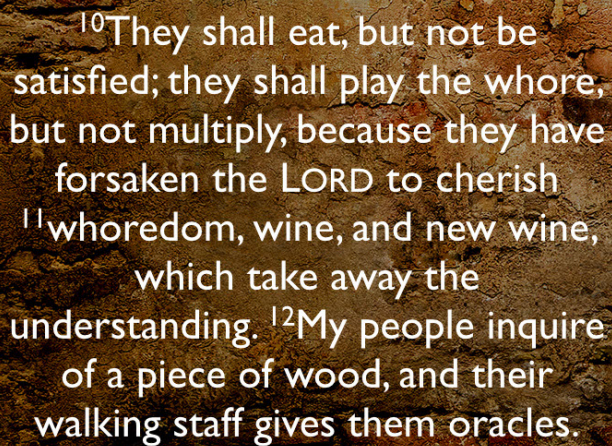
Hosea 1:1, 11

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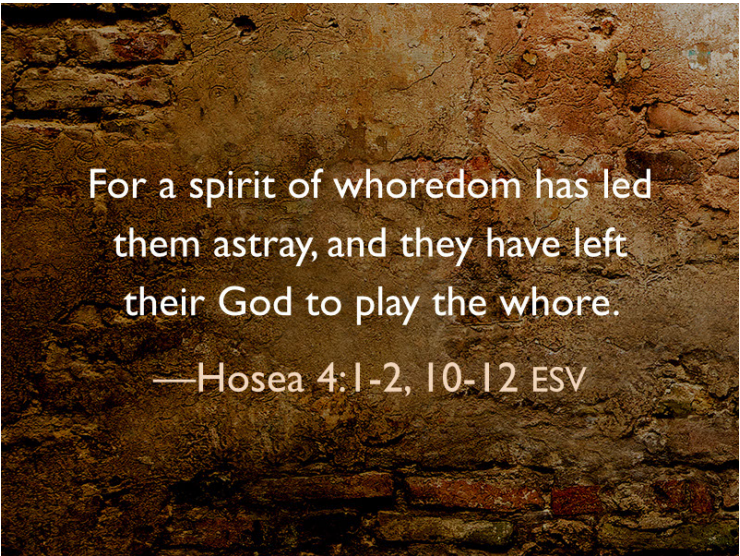
¹Hear the word of the LORD,
O children of Israel, for the LORD
has a controversy with the
inhabitants of the land. There is no
faithfulness or steadfast love, and
no knowledge of God in the land;
²there is swearing, lying, murder,
stealing, and committing adultery...

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¹⁰They shall eat, but not be
satisfied; they shall play the whore,
but not multiply, because they have
forsaken the LORD to cherish
¹¹whoredom, wine, and new wine,
which take away the
understanding. ¹²My people inquire
of a piece of wood, and their
walking staff gives them oracles.

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For a spirit of whoredom has led
them astray, and they have left
their God to play the whore.

—Hosea 4:1-2, 10-12 ESV

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Willful ignorance Hosea 4:6a
 Proud defiance Hosea 5:5
 Ritualized religion Hosea 6:6
 Political corruption Hosea 8:4, 7-10
 Perpetual backsliding Hosea 11:7

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"It is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the LORD..."

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We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us;

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and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us..." —Abraham Lincoln

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¹And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." ²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.
 —Hosea 3:1-2 ESV

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²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."
 —Lamentations 3:21-24 ESV

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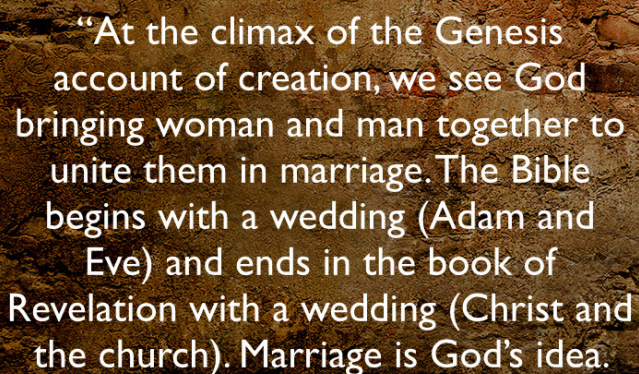
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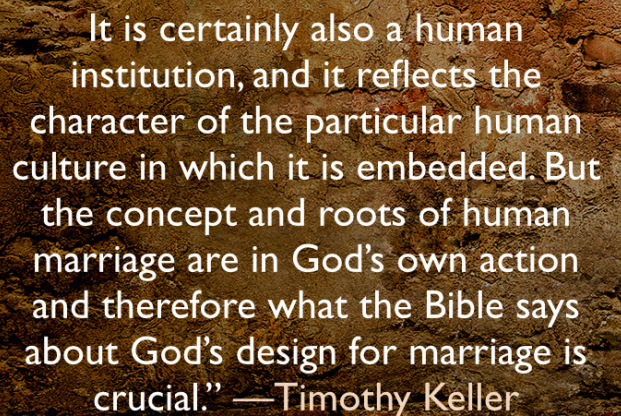
Hosea 1:2; 2:19-20; 3:1

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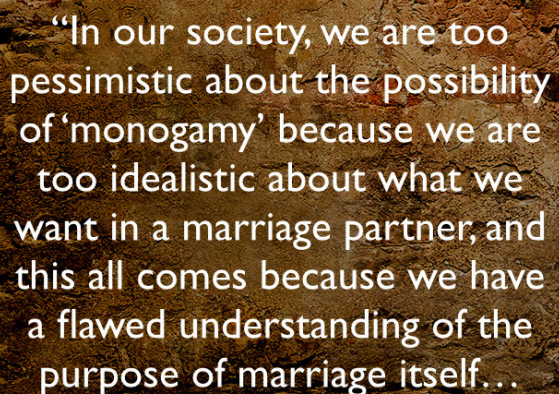
“At the climax of the Genesis account of creation, we see God bringing woman and man together to unite them in marriage. The Bible begins with a wedding (Adam and Eve) and ends in the book of Revelation with a wedding (Christ and the church). Marriage is God’s idea.

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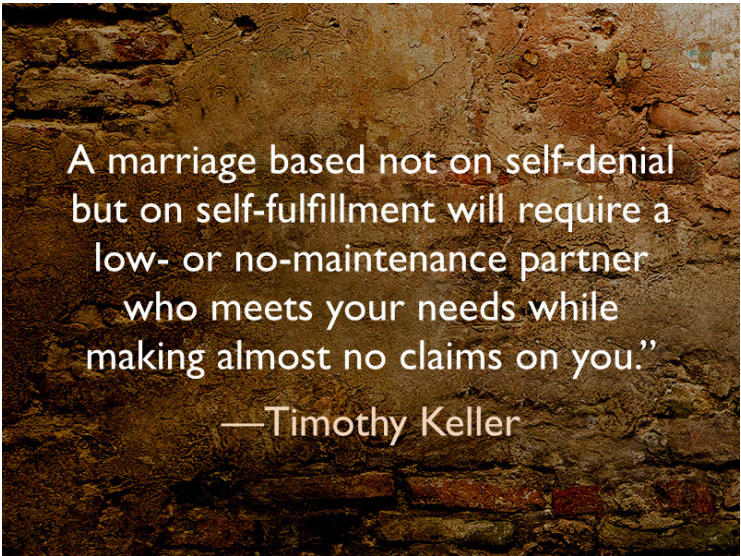
It is certainly also a human institution, and it reflects the character of the particular human culture in which it is embedded. But the concept and roots of human marriage are in God’s own action and therefore what the Bible says about God’s design for marriage is crucial.” —Timothy Keller

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“In our society, we are too pessimistic about the possibility of ‘monogamy’ because we are too idealistic about what we want in a marriage partner, and this all comes because we have a flawed understanding of the purpose of marriage itself...

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A marriage based not on self-denial but on self-fulfillment will require a low- or no-maintenance partner who meets your needs while making almost no claims on you.”
—Timothy Keller

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Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

—Hosea 14:9 ESV

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²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

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²⁶But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” —Matthew 7:24-27 ESV

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Personally

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Personally

A Call to Marital Fidelity

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“We are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared to hope.” —Timothy Keller

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Personally A Concern Regarding a
“Motional” Faith

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For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings. —Hosea 6:6 ESV

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¹²...“Those who are well have no
need of a physician, but those
who are sick. ¹³Go and learn
what this means,

‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’

For I came not to call the
righteous, but sinners.”

—Matthew 9:12b-13 ESV

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But I have this against you, that you have
abandoned the love you had at first.

—Revelation 2:4 ESV

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O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

—Robert Robinson

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Personally A Compassionate Action
for Freedom and Forgiveness

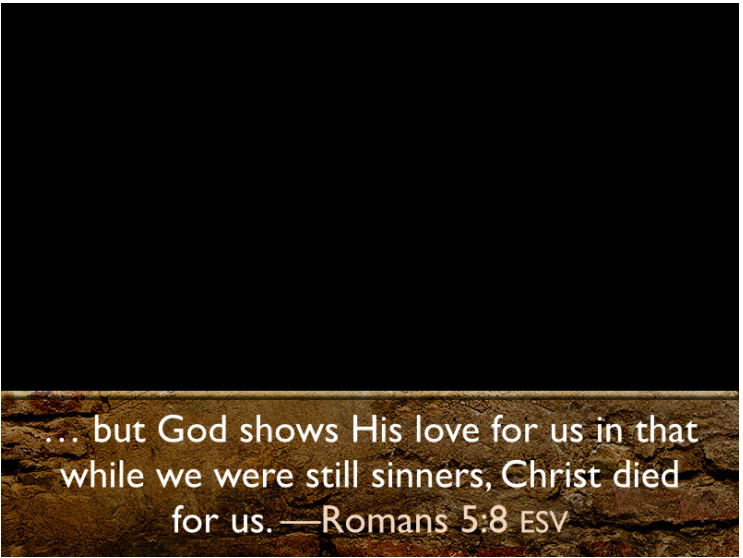
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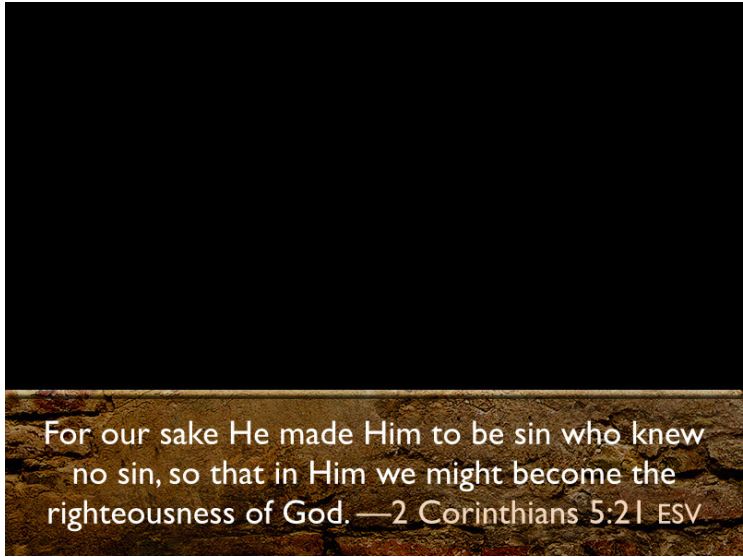
Hosea 2:19–3:5

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... but God shows His love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us. —Romans 5:8 ESV

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For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew
no sin, so that in Him we might become the
righteousness of God. —2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

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