



**MARK: GOSPEL TRUTH
FOR A GROWING CHAOS**

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER

MARK 10:6 “But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

THE STRATEGIC REQUEST

MARK 10:1 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.²The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him.

THE STRATEGIC REQUEST

MARK 5:31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’³² But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE

MARK 9:3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.”

THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE

DEUTERONOMY 24:1 When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,² when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife,

THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE

DEUTERONOMY 24:3 if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife,⁴ then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE

MALACHI 2:14 Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.¹⁵ But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.¹⁶ For **the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce**, for it covers one’s garment with violence says the LORD of hosts. “Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.”

THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE

MARK 10:5 And Jesus answered and said to them, Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female.⁷ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

THE SINFUL REALITY

MARK 10:10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.¹¹ So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.¹² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

THE SINFUL REALITY

MATTHEW 19:10 His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”

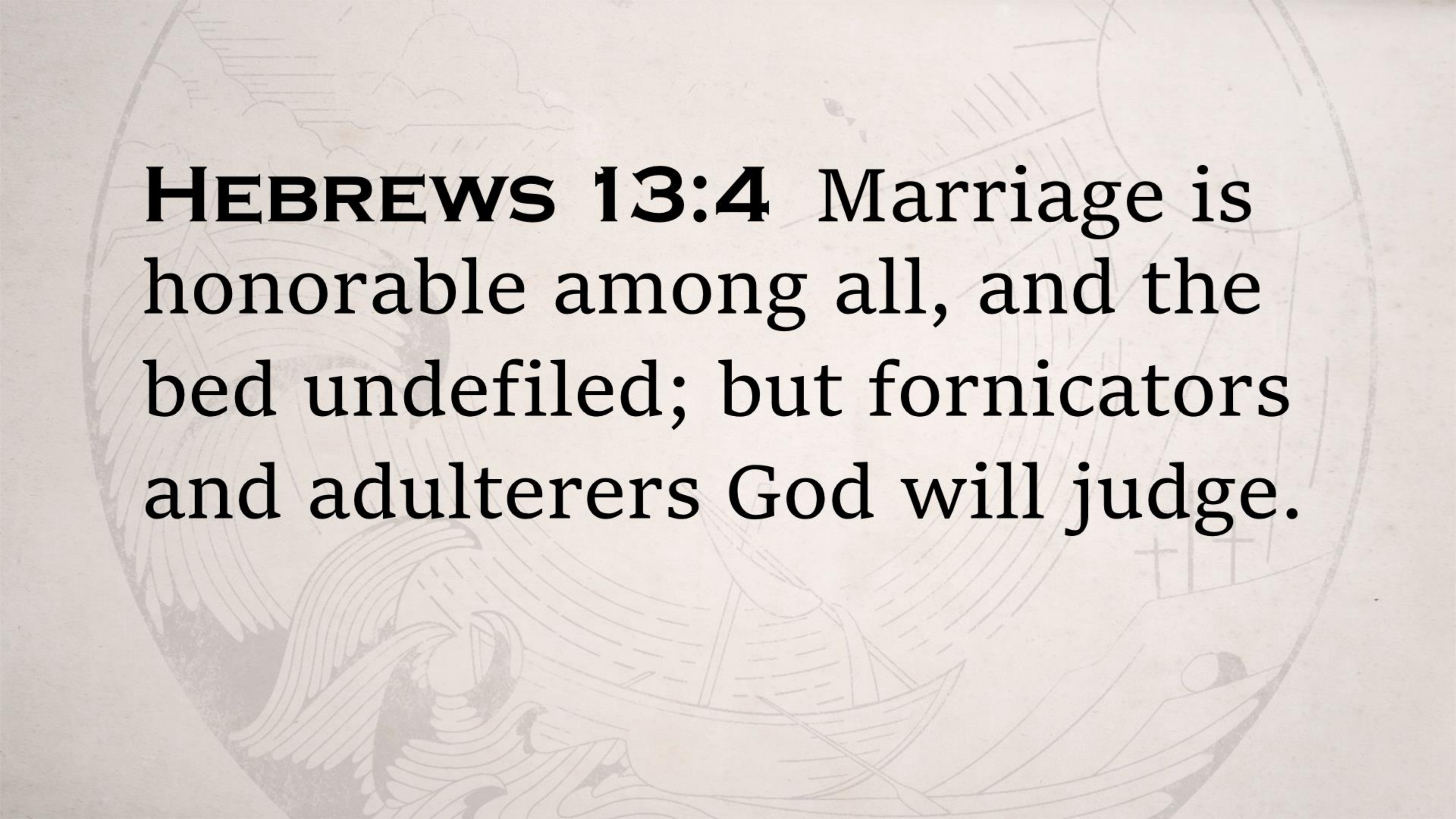


THE SINFUL REALITY

GENESIS 3:16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; **Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.**”

GENESIS 4:7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. **And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.**”

EPHESIANS 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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HEBREWS 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.