

**Orangefield Baptist Church 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013.**

**Statement regarding the proposals to redefine Marriage:**

**We begin with two short Bible readings:**

**Genesis Chapter 2 verses 20 to 24:**

*And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

*And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

*And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

**Matthew Ch 19 verses 4 to 6: [The Lord Jesus speaking]**

*And he answered and said unto them, 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.*

*If we survey the two references quoted along with all the relevant passages in the Holy Scriptures that refer to marriage the following is abundantly clear:*

- 1. Marriage was established by God himself at the dawn of time for the procreation of mankind and therefore to be a blessing for all generations throughout the earth, down through the ages.*
- 2. Marriage is to be between a Man and a woman only.*
- 3. Marriage was designed to be the means of providing a secure and stable environment for raising children.*
- 4. Therefore to redefine marriage in the way that the current proposals going through Parliament suggest, is to go blatantly contrary to the will and the word of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures which were written under the guidance and Inspiration of the Holy Spirit himself and which are therefore Infallible and Inerrant in all matters.*

5. *We therefore bring to the attention of all who are proposing such legislation the following decrees given by God in both the Old and New testaments of the Holy Scriptures which warn of the dire consequences that could follow the implementation of such anti God and anti Biblical laws.*

**Let us hear what God has to say!**

6. **Quote:**

**Deuteronomy Ch. 4 verses 1 to 2:**

**The Bible opens with this warning:**

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

**The Bible closes with this same warning:**

**Revelation Ch. 22 verses 18 & 19:**

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

We therefore pray that all who have been elected to govern our country and others who would support them would think again about the serious consequences of this proposed change to the God Ordained way of marriage. That they would abandon this path of disobedience to almighty God, repent from their sin and turn in faith to Jesus Christ that they might know the Grace and Mercy of God for the good of our nation and for the glory of God.