

## BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: What God Says About Marriage  
Text: Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:3-9

Introduction: Marriage, how should it be defined? It is defined differently, and by different entities, based on culture, religious, and personal factors. A commonly accepted and encompassing definition of marriage is the following: a formal union and social and legal contract between two individuals that unites their lives legally, economically, and emotionally. The contractual marriage agreement usually implies that the couple has legal obligations to each other throughout their lives or until they decide to divorce. Being married also gives legitimacy to sexual relations within the marriage. Traditionally, marriage is often viewed as having a key role in the preservation of morals and civilization." (written by Sherri Stritof, updated 11/18/19-The Spruce, *What is the Definition of Marriage?*)

There are other definitions of marriage as defined by these well-known resources:

**Merriam-Webster** "The state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law."  
"The state of being united to a person of the same sex in a relationship like that of a traditional marriage, i.e., same-sex marriage."

**Dictionary.com** "Any of the diverse forms of interpersonal union established in various parts of the world to form a familial bond that is recognized legally, religiously, or socially, granting the participating partners mutual conjugal rights and responsibilities and including, for example, opposite-sex marriage, same-sex marriage, plural marriage, and arranged marriage."

In a landmark decision in the Obergefell vs Hodges case in June 2015, the United States Supreme Court held in a 5-4 decision that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the due process clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution.

As Christians, our concern and focus should be how God defines marriage and what God says about marriage. We should embrace and proclaim lovingly the teaching of God's Word on this subject matter. So, what does God say about marriage? There are at least five truths worth consideration.

- I. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
- II. Marriage is an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
- III. Marriage is an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
- IV. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
- V. Marriage is an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

# Honoring Marriage



**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

## **First Baptist Church Oneonta, Alabama**

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Micah Head, Minister of Students  
Gary Morgan, Worship Pastor  
Dan Sims, Pastor Emeritus

**Worship**  
**MORNING SERVICE**  
**10:15 A.M.**

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
10,000 Reasons  
How Great Thou Art

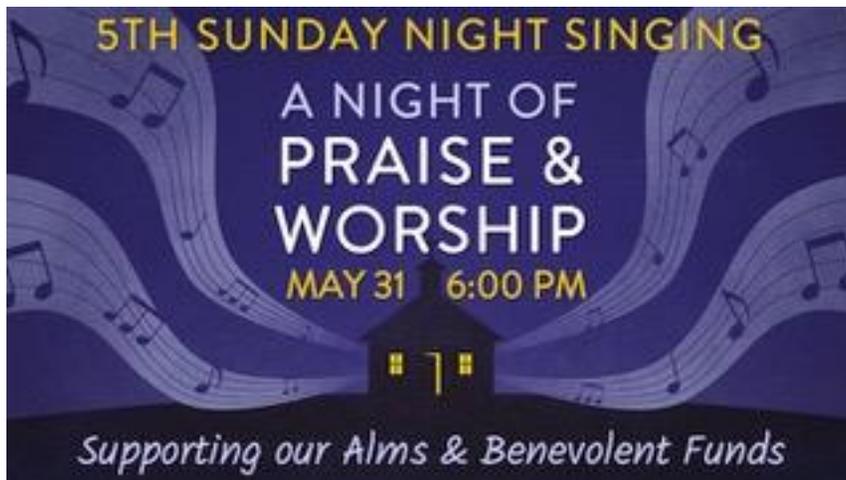
**Welcome & Offering Prayer** .....Micah Head

**Message in Song**.....Gloria Sample  
O Perfect Love

**Message**.....Larry Gipson

**A Time To Honor**  
What God Says About Marriage  
Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:3-9

**Postlude**.....Celebration Band  
Crown Him with Many Crowns



*Welcome Back as We Regather!*

Join us on Sunday, May 24, as we regather for Worship on Sunday mornings! We are looking forward to seeing you! Two service times will be offered, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *Due to "social distancing," seating is limited. Please reserve your service preference by calling the church office, emailing Andrea at [andrea@oneontafbc.org](mailto:andrea@oneontafbc.org), or by completing the Attendance Registration form on the website.* An overflow room will be available if needed. If you do not feel comfortable attending on campus yet, please continue to join us online at [oneontafbc.org](http://oneontafbc.org). Sunday School will continue via Zoom or Livestreaming at 9:00 a.m.

**Important Details**

Safety measures are being implemented to protect everyone.  
\*Please don't arrive more than 10 minutes before the service time.  
Enter by the Sanctuary doors unless the elevator is needed.  
If you are able, park in the parking lot near the fellowship hall. The places at the front of the sanctuary are for senior adults/special needs.  
There will be no Children's Church or Nursery.  
Feel free to bring your own hand sanitizer; however, it will be provided.  
You may wear a mask, but it is not required.  
The offering plate will not be passed. Baskets will be on the tables at the exits.

Please be patient as we return to Worship!

**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Scripture for the week of **May 17-23**  
1 Chronicles 21-24, 2 Samuel 19-23, Psalm 5, 26, 30, 38, 40, 41-42, 57, 58, 61-62, 64, 95, 97-99, 108-110

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

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RECEIVED TO DATE-\$8,151.80

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 31**

If you have a graduate that would like to be recognized, please notify Micah at [micah@oneontafbc.org](mailto:micah@oneontafbc.org).