

WIVES AND HUSBANDS

I PETER 3:1-7

Introduction:

- A. Before we examine these verses word for word, I think we should examine the general subject first.
 - 1. The specific commands.
 - 2. A general theme.
 - 3. Husbands and wives.

 - B. There is a growing acceptance in our society of homosexual and lesbian relationships.
 - 1. Not toleration but acceptance.
 - 2. Often arrogance and defiance.
 - 3. San Francisco, Calif.

 - C. This is not something new!
 - 1. Lesbian = Rom. 1:26.
 - 2. Homosexual = Rom. 2:27.
- I. GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN, HE CREATED MALE AND FEMALE.
Gen. 2:18-25.
- A. There was no companion to be found among the beasts. v20
 - 1. Bestiality is not God's will.

 - B. They were created sexual creatures.
 - 1. Gen. 1:27.
 - 2. They were to populate the earth.
Gen. 2:28.
 - 3. Sex was not the first sin!

 - C. God did not make man for man!
 - 1. The "burning" or lust for persons of the same sex is contrary to God's will.
 - 2. Such relationships are unnatural, ungodly, unscriptural.

II. TRUE MARRIAGE INVOLVES MANY THINGS.

- A. It involves love.
 - 1. Sexual lust is not love. Biological drive.
 - 2. Love certainly includes sex.

- B. It involves physical contact.
 - 1. "be fruitful and multiply."
 - 2. Husbands and wives should not quit touching.

- C. It involves separation from parents.
 - 1. Gen. 2:24.
 - 2. Ruth.

- D. It involves lifetime commitments.
 - 1. They become one, joined together.
 - 2. Your car, my house.

III. A PURE MARRIAGE IS A REFLECTION OF A HEAVENLY TRUTH.

- A. It was God's picture of Israel's relationship.

- B. We are espoused unto Christ.