

Patriarchs' Journal™

Dedicated to the restoration, support and encouragement of biblical family structure.

Volume 3
Issue 23

Does God Hate Women?

by — Peter G. Rambo, Sr.

It is not uncommon to hear the charge – or at least the insinuation, when discussing what Scripture has to say concerning male and female roles – that God must hate women. I mean, He requires that they submit to their husbands, desires that they be under male headship and seems not to have a problem with polygynous marriages. At the same time, men appear to have much more freedom and self-determination. What gives? Does God indeed hate women? Is He a misogynist?

A recent YouTube debate, specifically dealing with the topic of polygamy, yielded a very thought-provoking comment that set my mind turning on a much broader scale regarding God's attitude toward women and *why* He has decreed what His Word says. The comment is quoted below with very minor edits.

People accuse the Bible of being misogynistic by supporting polygamy. You have accepted this feminist falsehood and have then proceeded to reject the clear words of Scripture in order to try and make the Bible a little more palatable to the world. This is a serious mistake. The Bible allows polygamy – but it does so FOR THE BENEFIT OF WOMEN! Through most of history there was no social welfare. Widows and single mothers are provided for by God by allowing polygamy. This ensures that every woman can marry; every woman can access the support of a man and a wider family. No woman is left alone. Even in the aftermath of disasters like wars, that kill many of the male population, every woman can still marry.

Look around any church; see how many single women are there. See how they would all want to marry. See how many end up settling for marrying non-believers as they see no other alternative, or remain celibate even though they really want to be married as per God's original intention for mankind! He does not want men and women to be alone – yet monogamy forces women to be alone, because there are not

enough good men to go around (especially after war).

God allows polygamy because He loves women. He regulates polygamy in Torah because He wishes to protect women – all of His regulations of polygamy are for the benefit of women (don't marry her sister to vex her; don't marry her daughter, as that's even worse; don't neglect the first just because you've taken a second, etc.). All of this is because God loves women!

To accept the idea that polygamy is anti-women and something to refute is to say that the system God allowed and regulated to support women is anti-women. It is to directly oppose the Word of God, to directly oppose His provision for women.

When the Catholic Church forbade polygamy, at least they established convents to give another option for the excess women that this policy would leave unable to wed. The modern Protestant Church leaves them with no options at all. It gives them insufficient single Godly men for them to marry, says they can't marry non-believers, says they can't marry proven Godly men who are already married, and doesn't let them become nuns, either. *That's anti-women.*

I'll stick with Scripture which gives every woman the opportunity to marry, because God did not intend for people to be alone.¹

Suddenly, I had a whole new perspective on God and Scripture.

1. Samuel Dennis, *A New Perspective* (used with permission).

Contents

Does God Hate Women?	305
The Prodigal Wife?	310
Uncomfortable Truths.....	311

Cognitively, I know that God loves women, because He loves everyone (though He may *really* hate what they *do*, *i.e.*, sin), but I had approached many of the stickier topics regarding male-female relationships in Scripture with a blind acceptance. I would say, “that’s just the way He says it is. If He says it, it must be good, so that’s what I believe.” I could justify and explain any specific commands and decrees with Scripture from an academic perspective, but that was often not satisfying to the person who perceived God as being unfair or misogynistic.

Mr. Dennis’s comment opened a whole new line of thought to me as I read this debate on polygamy, a family structure clearly permitted – and even at points seemingly endorsed – by God. And, his answer has a much broader application to the whole subject of gender role differences.

Consider how very right Dennis is! No social “safety net” existed for a woman in ancient times. There was no government to give a handout, whether food stamps or low-income housing. A woman without a man, or separate from a family unit, was in a very bad state of affairs; and if she had mouths to feed besides her own, she was in a

really bad place. Practically speaking, not having a man and covering was an automatic sentence of poverty and possibly death, whether by exposure or starvation.

GENDER POPULATION IMBALANCE

The truth is, throughout history, in nearly every place and time, women have always outnumbered men. Without polygamy *at least being allowed*, there would be no protection for many women. Consider these quotes re-



A History and Philosophy of Marriage: Polygamy and Monogamy Compared

by — James Campbell
(originally published in 1869)
142 pages, PB. \$20 (See order form on back page.)

A reprint of Christian philanthropist James Campbell’s classic work, originally published in 1869 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Patriarchs’ Journal™

Volume 3, No. 23 – November, 2023

Patriarchs’ Journal is a periodical dedicated to the definition, defense, support and encouragement of the God-ordained family as an autonomous, sovereign entity that existed before civil governments and religious organizations, and is independent of their approval and direction.

Patriarchs’ Journal is <i>NOT</i> about ...	Patriarchs’ Journal <i>IS</i> about ...
Celestial Marriage	Biblical Marriage
Child Brides	Genuine Love
Underage Marriage	Honoring God
Mormonism	Providing for Women & Children
Arranged Marriage	Self-Sacrificial Living
Dishonesty	Stewardship & Care
Tyranny & Oppression	

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Write, call or email us to receive your free subscription:

Patriarchs’ Journal™

PO Box 265 — Windber, PA 15963
1-800-784-6010 — 1-814-701-0063

Info@PatriarchsJournal.com

website: <http://www.patriarchsjournal.com/>

Subscribe to the **free** Patriarchs’ Journal

EDITORIAL BOARD

Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. – Editor
(Clyde@PatriarchsJournal.com)
André Sneider – Managing Editor
Stephen Hill – Associate Editor
Keith Martin – Associate Editor

We seek to bring as many voices from as many backgrounds as possible to this periodical. Many are scripturally based; others find their context in the social, legal, historical and scientific arenas. Because of the diversity, you will likely not agree with everything you read. Frankly, we do not ask that of you. In fact, your editorial staff does not agree with everything placed within these columns at times. We are simply presenting things that, we trust, will be supportive and edifying in their overall scope.

We will attempt to take an honest, fresh look at the subject of the family from a Biblical perspective, and to recover truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding, and fear (Mark 7:7, 13). Readers are encouraged to be as the Bereans and search the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-11; I Thessalonians 5:21). This publication is not intended to provide personal or legal advice.

Minor changes to punctuation and grammar may have been made to articles for better reading.

Copyright © 2013-2023 Patriarch Publishing House™

garding population imbalance from *The Great Omission*, by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.:

According to the 2000 United States Census there are 5.3 million more women in the United States than there are men. Think of the serious implications of this fact. Where will these 5.3 million women find husbands who will love and cherish them? (pg. 13).

[Quoting Phillip Von Hohenheim, Physician (1493-1541)]:

Now it so happens that God has always created many more women than men. And He makes the men die more readily than the women. And, He always lets the women survive and not the men (pg. 14).

[Quoting Patricia Dixon, Professor]:

Males through all stages of the life span and across cultures die disproportionately more than females. Factors contributing to this are higher male infant mortality and premature death, due to occupational hazards and warfare (p. 14).

[Quoting Adriana Blake, Attorney]:



***Eros Made Sacred: or
The Biblical Case Made for Polygamy***

by — James Wesley Stivers
(originally published in 1991)
74 pages, PB. \$13 (See order form on back page.)

This book presents a clear biblical justification for polygamous marriage as sanctioned by the Holy Scriptures. The issue of polygamy is used to contrast current moral biases with those found in the Bible. First published more than 15 years ago, this thoughtful work has gone unrefuted. Provocative, instructional, challenging, edifying. The book chapters are:

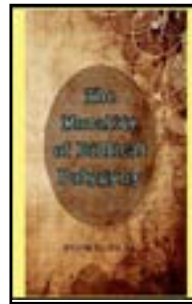
- Polygamy: A Biblical Custom
- Objections Answered; In Favor of Polygamy
- The Ministry of the Patriarch
- Polygamy as a Tool of Christian Dominion
- Feminism, Monogamy and Witchcraft

For every one hundred single women of young marriageable age in the United States, there are fewer than seventy single men. As people get older, the statistics get worse.

By age forty-five, for every one hundred available men, there are over two hundred single women ...

When a society which insists on a one-to-one relationship in a marriage finds itself with a large surplus of membership of one sex, it behaves like a chemical mixture that has too many electrons. It is unstable, it is volatile, and it will seek change to a state of equilibrium ... (p. 15-16).

Lauren Heiligenthal, in *Evaluating Western Christianity's Interpretation of Biblical Polygamy*, demonstrates clearly that the entire African continent's family and social structure was seriously damaged, if not destroyed,



The Morality of Biblical Polygyny

by — William F. Luck, Sr.
28 pages, PB. \$5 (See order form on back page.)

This is an amazing, courageous, contemporary work. William Luck is the son of Moody Bible Institute's Dr. G. Coleman Luck, Sr, Chairman of the Department of Theology, and a capable biblical scholar in his own right.

“God didn’t ask me my opinion about the issue. He expected me to represent His. I’ve tried. If you can prove I’m mistaken, I’ll be the first to thank you. But I’m not holding my breath in the meanwhile.” – the Author, from the Introduction
“To date [over twenty years after its original publication], I find the arguments ‘pro’ quite superior to those ‘con.’” – the Author, from the Conclusion

- The Background
- Laws That Imply the Moral Propriety of Polygyny
- Passages That Appear To Prohibit Polygyny
- The Association of Polygyny with Other Evils
- Alleged Prohibitions of Polygyny
- The Implications of “Adultery” in the “Vice Lists”
- Questions Concerning the Possibility of Moral Polygyny

by Christian missionary insistence that conversion to Christ required casting any additional wives out into the street. The result was rampant poverty, countless orphans, millions of single women who resorted to prostitution for survival, and the AIDS epidemic. Hindsight proves that the worst possible move missionaries could have made was to force monogamy-only as a “Christian doctrine,” albeit a demonstrably-false one.

While western culture has not had the shockwave of millions of women and children kicked to the curb, we have instead had a slow burn culturally created by the same false monogamy-only doctrines that disallow millions of single women, many with children, access to a godly man to provide for and protect them. It is a travesty of epic proportions to which the church turns a self-righteous blind eye.

Clearly, polygamy is *one* provision which God specifically makes for women to ensure they can be cared for and protected. Simply put, a man, if he so chooses, can care and provide for more than one woman. Why? Because, *God loves women*, and men are His instrument of covering and protection.

DO NOT MUZZLE THE OX

Sometimes the objection that then comes up sounds like, “Great, let a man take care of several women; he just doesn’t need to have relations with them.” But, this doesn’t answer the more innate human need – that of being loved. Humans need to be loved and needed as much as they require food and water. It is the way God designed both men and women. To deny either physical or emotional needs is to deny needs.

It also isn’t sustainable or realistic to expect a man to take care of a woman as if she were a wife and not expect him to enjoy the more significant benefits of doing so. This is a clear violation of the Torah principle in Deuteronomy 25:4,

You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.

Paul elaborated on this verse in I Timothy 5:18, adding to it that

The laborer is worthy of his wages.

And in I Corinthians 9:7,

Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

GIVE WOMEN CHOICES!

God, in His Word, is very detailed in His *protection of women* by placing boundaries on how they can be treated and by ensuring that they are cared for properly. Dennis, in the original quote above, mentions numerous Scriptural commandments that regulate marriage, particularly in a plural situation, for the protection of the women involved. God makes sure that they not only have choices and access to marriage but that they are treated fairly within that optional provision.

What is most significant about Dennis’ comments, besides the fact that polygamy offers protection and provision for every woman, is that she has *choices*. She doesn’t have to “settle” for whomever is available but can look at *all* men and seek a suitable covering who is Godly and can best provide for her needs. Dennis’ point is that a monogamy-



185 pp., PB. \$10

Wife Loving: The Husband's Paramount Privilege

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This book is about Christ-mentored husbandry; a look at husbands’ important and honored role of loving their wives. So lofty and divine is its pursuit, Paul presents none other than Christ Himself as the mentor: “*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church.*”

“What wonderful thoughts. They are so true and practical. I love it!” – *The Netherlands*

“I have seldom read so much wisdom on marriage in relation to biblical principles.” – *Denmark*

“Powerful, powerful stuff! As a woman I am honored by it. I am deeply grateful for your boldness to honor women and to portray the marriage relationship as simply yet profoundly as God intended.” – *CA* (See order form on back page.)

only culture denies women choice and denies women protection and provision. Protestantism, as he correctly points out, is guilty of the worst form of hatred toward women by denying them the truth of what God's Word teaches and allows. Consider this part of his quote again,

The modern Protestant Church leaves them with no options at all. It gives them insufficient single Godly men for them to marry, says they can't marry non-believers, says they can't marry proven Godly men who are already married, and doesn't let them become nuns, either. *That's* anti-women.

I'll stick with Scripture, which gives every woman the opportunity to marry. Because God did not intend for people to be alone.

What are single women to do? The "church" bars them from the best righteous option available to them in Scripture while simultaneously chastising them for seeking any other option. "Praying for their need" while preventing God's solution is the epitome of the Apostle James' argument regarding faith and works:

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? (James 2:15-16).

CONCLUSION

Are we willing to trust that God's ways are higher than ours?

We should be reminded that *it is not the government's*

responsibility to care for widows and orphans. That is the responsibility of the Body! To do so, we must be willing to embrace and implement *all* of God's Word according to His provision for the care of women.

Correctly understanding, teaching and accepting what God's Word says regarding polygamy empowers women and gives them choices within the Body for godly covering, protection and provision. It is the very essence of demonstrating God's love of women and His concern for their needs, in spite of disparity in numbers of males and females. Indeed, God does *not* hate women. Rather, it is very clear that He provides a way for *all women* to be righteously covered and cared for, and polygamy is *one* of those ways.

Therefore, it is not God who hates women but instead those who deny women one of the very best options in the Word for their provision and protection. It is those who demand a monogamy-only doctrine who deny and reveal, whether knowingly or unknowingly, hatred for women. **H**

(edited)

TOPICS: Biblical; Choice; Gender Ratio; Polygamy, Gender ration and; Polygamy, Morality of; Polygamy, Scriptural studies of; Singles

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 25:4; I Corinthians 9:7; I Timothy 5:18



Peter, 52, married for 28 years to Kelly and the father of four boys, is a graduate of Columbia Biblical Seminary (M.Div.), as well as a combat veteran, Airborne Ranger-qualified, former US Army officer. With 17 years of ministry experience, providing leadership to a home fellowship, he is the author of two books: *Repairing the Breach* and *Ten Parts in the King*.



Patriarchs' Journal

Bound Volumes Available! — 8.5" x 11" 148 pages, paperback

Volume 1; Issues 1-8

Volume 2; Issues 9-17

A literal wealth of study material on the biblical family. In addition to personal use, it can be used for teaching material, or for family reading times. It also serves as a great reference work as it has an issue, article, author, topic and Scripture index.

Patriarchs' Journal is dedicated to the definition, defense, support and encouragement of the God-ordained family as an autonomous, sovereign entity that existed before civil governments and religious organizations, and is independent of their approval and direction. (See order form on back page.)

The Prodigal Wife?

by — Julie Bender

The parable of the prodigal son – I have heard it probably a hundred times, but last Sunday I heard it in a new light. The teacher made a simple statement about the reason why the older son was upset with his father’s actions regarding his returning brother. He didn’t truly *love* his brother. It sounds so obvious, but I have never truly grasped that understanding of the older son.

In the past, I defined him as the “good,” responsible son who momentarily was being selfish and angry about his brother getting attention after being so “bad” towards the family. Secretly, I have even sympathized with him, thinking it seemed so lame to just get the “Son, you are always with me, and all I have is yours” speech from dad. I can hear him thinking, “You know it takes a lot of effort to be the responsible one, the selfless one! My younger brother should have had more sense, more respect for our father, for our family! Why is he being rewarded for not toeing the line, doing what is expected? You know, sometimes I would just like to throw responsibility to the wind and be ‘bad!’ and then come back home and be told how loved I am and how missed I was.” Whatever you want to call it: a moment of selfishness, being a “baby” as my teenagers would say, or just walking in

the flesh, the older brother voiced thoughts we have all had at one time or another in similar situations.

When new wives join families, there is always a season of adjustment. Being a first wife, it was very easy for me to go down that rabbit hole of selfishness and wanting things to be “fair.” I could not tell you all the times in those beginning years, when we were working out our expectations and our fears, and having to put our “big girl” and “big boy” pants on, that I wanted to just throw good character, selflessness and love out the window. In my mind’s eye, it seemed many times that my sister-wife got rewarded by our husband for being “difficult.” How could he be so forgiving, so loving after the emotional strain she had put him and the family through? Easy: he *loved* her. The key thing is that she repented and asked for forgiveness, just like the Prodigal Son did with his father. I, of course, received the same response from our husband when I screwed up and was “difficult.” Ironic how it didn’t seem “unfair” when his love and forgiveness were given to *me*. How amazing our relationships would be in this crazy world if we were

(see *PRODIGAL*, page 312)



After Polygamy Was Made a Sin

The Social History of Christian Polygamy

by — John Cairncross

260 pages, PB. \$30

Cairncross contends in this fascinating historical analysis that it was when the Church became centered in Rome that “polygamy” became a “sin.” Based on rigorous research he demonstrates, however, that there is a strong underground polygamous Christian tradition, including support from such prominent figures as Milton, Newton, Spinoza and others. (See order form on back page.)



Man and Woman in Biblical Law

by — Tom Shipley

268 pages, PB. \$30

The goal of this book is to lay the foundation for the establishment of a truly biblical social order, especially within the community of Bible-believing, Christ-honoring families. The subject matter is patriarchy. The biblical exposition contained herein is devoted to establishing the proposition that it is patriarchy which was and is mandated by God ever since the original creation of man and woman. The scriptural discussion on polygamy here serves as a supporting role to the fundamental proposition of God-ordained and mandated patriarchy. (See order form on back page.)

Uncomfortable Truths

by — Edward W. Raby, Sr.

There are several uncomfortable truths about polygamy for Christians. I have heard Christians say that polygamy is a sin, and unfortunately for them there is no biblical support for such a notion. Several of the great heroes of the Bible were polygamous and considered men of God. ...

The thing is this: the Law has commandments that regulate polygamy and how multiple wives are treated. ...

The application here is another uncomfortable thing, then, when we Christians encounter someone who is in a polygamist relationship of some kind, because truly there is no sin here to confront. There is no biblical reason to show or feel disgust, or to preach against or decry polygamy or people in polygamist relationships. ...

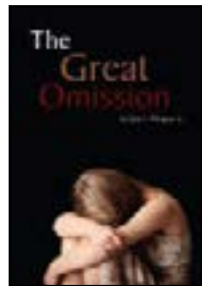
— Excerpts from *Some Uncomfortable Truths for Christians about Polygamy and the Inspiration of Scripture*

(edited)

TOPICS: Polygamy, articles by pastors; Polygamy, defense against the critics of; Polygamy, morality of; Sin



Ed is pastor of Hersey Congregational Church in Hersey, MI and vice president of the school board for the Reed City Area Public Schools. He served Assemblies of God churches from 1999 till 2007 in Reed City, Greenville, and Perry, MI. He is a graduate of Trinity Bible College (Ellendale, ND) and Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, KY).



The Great Omission: *Christendom's Abandonment of the Biblical Family*

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

204 pages, PB. \$15 (See order form on back page.)

This book presents twenty years of study, taking a candid look at the issue of multiple wives in Scripture and society. The book chapters are:

- The Problem: The Sad, Ignored Epidemic
- The Divine Provision
- The Marital Gift
- The Old Testament Scriptural Precedent
- The New Testament Scriptural Precedent
- The Religious System's Destruction of the Biblical Family
- The History of Its Practice
- The Cultural Issue
- The Benefits of Plural Marriage
- Who Is Immoral?

This book also has 14 appendices.



www.BiblicalFamilies.org

Biblical Families

Biblical Families is a ministry dedicated to encouraging and strengthening Biblical marriages, including, but certainly not limited to, plural marriage. We see

plural marriage as a good, and caring, option for believers – ensuring that no one need be left without a family.

Biblical Families places a strong emphasis on fellowship and supporting each other, as per the New Testament, and organizes national retreats and regional meetings.

Our website includes many helpful resources:

- Online Articles
- Discussion Boards
- Newsletters
- Retreat Information
- Local contacts
- Links to other helpful resources

PRODIGAL (continued from page 310)

able to truly understand the love God has freely given to us! If we did have that level of understanding, we might then give out that kind of love to those He puts in our lives – especially our family members.

When you find yourself grumbling about love and grace being shown someplace you think it isn't deserved, take a moment and ask yourself, "Do I want to be a part of this amazing gift, or do I want to set myself apart from it?" May we all practice doing the former, as we continue to fully understand the incredible love Jesus gave to us. **U**

TOPICS: Equity; Polygamy, articles by wives; Polygamy, jealousy in



Evaluating Western Christianity's Interpretation of Biblical Polygamy

by — Lauren Heiligenthal

88 pages, PB. \$10

This book demonstrates that the popular Western worldview regarding marriage affects biblical interpretation. While most Western societies uphold monogamy as God's ideal form of marriage, a number of other cultures practice polygamy. Western Christianity often perceives polygamy as a threat to the monogamist ideal; therefore, this book evaluates whether the Bible clearly advocates that polygamous men should become monogamous through divorce.

After interpreting Scripture through the lens of the biblical audience, this book then applies the interpretations from the five biblical texts to a modern situation involving polygamy. Since there is no biblical text that explicitly prohibits polygamy or promotes monogamy, this book argues that the interpretation of the monogamist ideal tends to derive from one's worldview rather than the Bible. (See order form on back page.)

Sign up for the free Patriarchs' Journal!

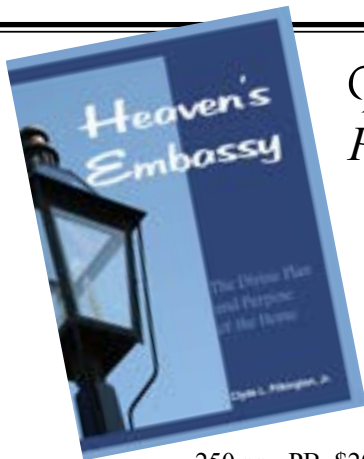


Restoring the Foundations: Essays in Relational Theology

by — James Wesley Stivers
(originally published in 1995)

94 pages, PB, \$13

A companion book to *Eros Made Sacred*, this is a study of the Christian Man's relation to God, woman, his children, his firstborn, social order, etc. (See order form on back page.)



Heaven's Embassy – The Divine Plan & Purpose of the Home

by – Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it (Psalm 127:1).

This book represents many years of work. The author believes that it is one of the most important books that he will ever be privileged to write, simply because it is about one of the most vital scriptural subjects that could ever be addressed.

250 pp., PB. \$20 The home is central to all of God's dealings with man throughout the course of time. It is His Divine "institution" and "organization" on the earth; for the believer, it is the *Embassy of Heaven*. An embassy is **"the residence or office of an ambassador."** Since the believer is an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:14-21), his home is thus the *Divine Embassy* of heavenly ministry.

Pauline ministry is centered in the homes of believers. This is even the true sphere of the Body of Christ; for this reason our apostle speaks of *"church in thy house."* This book doesn't focus upon the *external* specifics of the ministry of *Heaven's Embassy* (such as *hospitality*); that will be saved for another volume. Instead, it looks at the inner-workings of the *Embassy* itself, focusing on its very nature, *internal* purpose and function. (See order form on back page.)