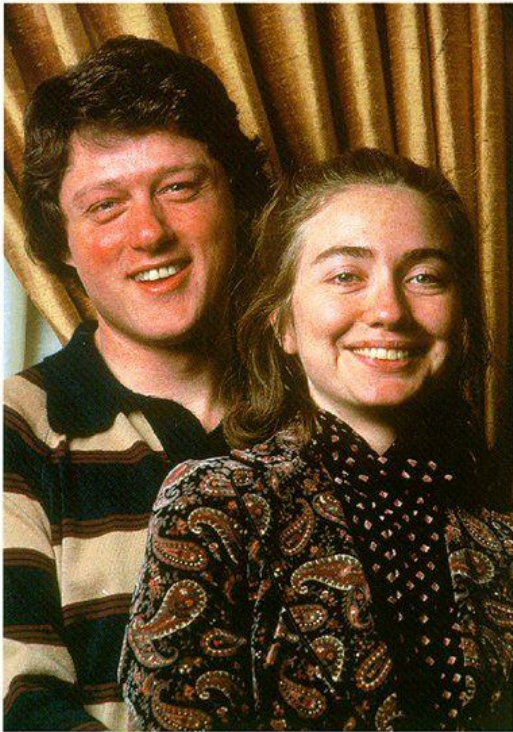


Hillary Clinton Vs. The Holy Bible



I've been wanting to write for some time about Hillary Clinton, the presidential candidate of the Democratic party this year. Like most Bible believers, you can guess how I view the woman. I view her as almost unspeakably corrupt, and promoting public policies which will encourage evil and actively suppress the good. Most Christians at this time view her as the greater of two evils to Donald Trump's lesser evil. But while I agree her evil is greater, I want to write on one thing she does right and which is commendable: she has only been married to one man her whole life.

That's right. It's not a public policy. It's not an act of political corruption. It is a mark of integrity that sadly millions of Christians do not have. For they can not or will not remain married to their spouse. Hillary Clinton has. Not only that but she has remained married to him through what must have been very difficult times, and must have had to forgive him many wrongs. I'm sure she has her own wrongs behind her too. But she values her marriage very highly. She obviously puts her marriage above her personal feelings, especially in dealing with a philandering husband. That is, like it or not, how MANY marriage last. We value the marriage. We put it above our feelings.

You know, the Bible says that even nonbelievers have a form of God's law on their hearts. God has placed His moral norms in the human psyche. Now I don't really think Mrs. Clinton worships the God of Creation, the God who communes with us in the Bible, but the fact is, if she honors her marriage and makes it last, she obeys God at the same time. To quote the passage, Romans 2 tells us: *"for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the DOERS of the law will be justified; ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do NOT have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these...are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, ... ¹⁶ in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ."* This passage is telling us that the Gentiles, non-Jews, even though they did not receive the commandments through Moses, are still able to obey God through that natural understanding of the law on their hearts. They can obey OR disobey. Hillary Clinton in marriage obeys.

Why Christians will not do this, is something that they have to answer to. They have to answer to it as much as she has had to answer to Benghazi. Most Christians have a list of excuses, either for themselves or for other Christians, but when someone comes with a nonstop list of excuses, you really have to wonder about their sincerity. The Holy Bible states plainly that marriage is for life. The Founder of Christianity told us that it is for life, saying: *Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.*" (Mark 10:9); and gave these uncompromising teachings: *Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery* (Luke 16:18). Simple cultural phrases like "till death do us part" come straight from the mouth of God (by whose words we live) in passages such as Romans 7 or 1 Corinthians 7. The latter states as plain as day: *"A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes."* The same chapter also provides the options for two spouses who have been separated. There are only two. The spouses may 1) reunite or 2) remain celibate. This is taught in the Bible as clearly as one could teach anything with human language. But Christians will not comply. They will not obey God. They have their list of excuses.

One of the first things people will tell you if you commend Mrs. Clinton on having only one husband her whole life, is that really, their marriage is all about politics. It's a power marriage. It's like one of those old royal marriages in which the goal was to establish a political dynasty. Really. That is about the first thing people will tell you. Now we don't REALLY know this is the main reason they got married. They certainly are powerful, but just try and prove that's the

main reason. Go ahead. Don't you think it's possible that once upon a time they kind of liked each other? Isn't it also possible that they found they had a lot of things in common? Those are ALSO reasonable possibilities for the kind of marriage that they have. Not everything in their lives has been politics.

But let's stop for a moment and imagine that, yes, it mainly is an "imperial" marriage. It is about powerful families sharing their great resources. Well guess what, my friend. If we are born-again in Jesus, our marriages are not that different. You see our marriages are a picture of the marriage we have with the Son of God Jesus Christ. That is the ULTIMATE imperial marriage. He is the King of the Universe and the Church is married to Him. The King shares His heavenly resources with us. We use our energy and resources to honor His holy name. Now THAT is an imperial marriage. And OUR marriages are a picture of that union. OUR marriage show what the love of the King for His Bride is like. They show the holiness of His Bride as well. Ephesians 5 says it boldly: *"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her."* You see the Christian marriage is an illustration of our powerful union and sharing of resources with the King. Perhaps instead of scorn Mrs. Clinton for having merely a "political marriage," we can learn from her, as perhaps that imperial side of her marriage has helped her to respect it and to honor it. What's wrong with that? Shouldn't we greatly respect our marriage in order to respect the greater union we have with Christ? What's wrong with that being a motivation for placing a high priority on marriage? Maybe that is what helps some people place it above their feelings. Maybe that's what helps some people make it last.

Let's face it. Hillary Clinton has put millions of Christians to shame by doing a better job of obeying God than they have. She made her marriage last where they didn't. And what's more she did so through what must have been very difficult times, if not heartache. This hardship is a key point. It is key to how we must behave about marriage. When God makes us one flesh, He joins one sinner with another sinner. Remember that. Mrs. Clinton apparently had a sinner who committed adultery, if not many other sins. While denying Jesus in many ways, she forgave just as Jesus taught US to forgive. Has God made you one flesh with a sinner too? Has He made you one flesh with an adulterer, a liar, a prideful person, an angry person a loveless person? Well what does Jesus teach about forgiveness? The Master says: *"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive*

him." (Luke 17:3-4). Did you hear that? Let me repeat those last words: You shall forgive him. Remember also the parable of the wicked servant from Matthew 18. The servant, who is in debt to his master, begs his forgiveness, and his master releases him mercifully from his debt. Then the same servant REFUSES to forgive another who owed HIM money. His master heard of this, and immediately threw him into prison, suddenly bringing down on him the punishment for his debt. Jesus ends the parable with these words: *"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."* Did you hear that, Christian? So my Father will do to you.

Our unforgiveness as Christians will come upon our heads. In part it already has, as we watch our congregations fall from the faith and our country's fabric unraveled. WE are the unforgiving servant and we are under judgment from our Master. There are many pastors who recognize the problems with marriages in the Church, and they might even wish they could do something. But instead of acting to restore biblical teaching, they look around, look at the countless sheep already in remarried situations, look at the multitudes living in what the Lord called adultery, and they simply give up. They throw their hands in the air and say – what does it matter now? What difference does it make? Hence these men continue the corruption, even if they mouth sorrow for what has happened. They are negligent of their duties. They consider the situation too far gone.

Please remember the passage I brought up in the beginning: *for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.* I used it to point out that our presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is practicing the law of God on her heart, despite not being a Christian. Now I want to bring it up again, to ask believers in the one true God and Jesus Christ, if they know they are justified. Do YOU know if you will be justified? Because if we are living in shameless sin we should not expect that we are justified before God. If we are divorcing and remarrying, we are proclaiming our TRUE faith, which is not faith in the Lord. What can we expect of adulterers? The Bible tells us clearly that adulterers will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9) just as it says that sodomites will not either. It also says that fornicators and adulterers God will judge (Hebrews 13:4). Make your salvation sure, Christian. Obey God. Bear good fruit worthy of repentance. Do not be a hearer of the word only, but a doer of the word.

Finally brethren, let me say this: It may not be the main point of the thing, but I don't think that Hillary Clinton really only married for power and influence. I actually think she married her

husband Bill because they once had some real affection for one another. I think they married with some common interests, and loves and directions in life, just as many others do. Our affection for our spouses should be nothing less, and truly more. We should love them and remain with them for this life, especially because of what it represents, which is our Savior's love. We are children of the King. We should also love Him and obey Him above all. Our marriages will end at our death. Our union with Him defeats death and will endure forever.

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"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25-26)

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