

Elevate Family VI

Cultural Mess

Culture is the integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon man's capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations. Culture is the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group. Culture is the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes a company or corporation. *Merriam Webster Dictionary*

- Companies, countries, churches and families all have cultures.

Culture will always overshadow and upset strategic plans and future change in any system including family.

Kosmos refers to systems man creates.

There are seven system: **Art, Business, Congregations, Direct media, Education, Family and Government.**

Matthew 19 and *Genesis 2* give God's covenantal model of marriage.

What happened to the marriage and family?

Malachi 2:11-16 gives a prophet's diagnosis

Consider *Romans 1:18-32*

Mankind in their estrangement from God changes three major areas.

I

Mankind and the culture change the glory of God. *Vs 18-24*

NKJ Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ **For since the creation of the world** His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His

eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, **although they knew God**, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² **Professing to be wise**, they became fools, ²³ and **changed the glory of the incorruptible God** into an image made like corruptible man -- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

They changed from God to animals, idols and created images.

II

Mankind and culture changed the truth of God into a lie. **Vs 25-26a**

²⁵ **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.

III

Mankind changes the natural use of man and woman. *Vs 26b-28*

26b For even **their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.** ²⁷ Likewise also **the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful**, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

IV

When cultures change these three major areas, chaos is the result. **Vs 29-32**

- To battle for your family, return to and establish His original pattern.
- *Our church will therefore marry and preform marriages between a natural born male and a natural born female. We will preach, teach and establish this original pattern as God's original intent for the family. We value husbands, wives, parents, children and the elderly and will work to build and model solid families.*