

The Father's House Position on Same Sex Marriage

Will The Father's House conduct pre-marriage counseling or perform same sex weddings?

One of the core principles of The Father's House is that The Holy Bible is God's authoritative word to all people. It's the basis of our Christian faith and the foundation for God's followers to build our lives on. The Bible shows us who God is and gives instruction on how God wants us to live. This includes God's created intent in all matters relating to human relationships, including marriage and human sexuality. Though present culture has differing views on marriage as it pertains to gender, the Bible is very clear. The following statement represents the position of The Father's House as it pertains to Biblical marriage.

According to the Bible, God's view of marriage is as a heterosexual joining of a man and a woman in a partnership for life. We see in Scripture that God created two genders and two genders only – men and women. Genesis 1:27 tells us: *"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."*

In Genesis 2:24, we read who God designed marriage for. *"This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."* Marriage is between a man and a woman.

Jesus Christ himself confirms this in Matthew 19:4, *"Haven't you read", he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female', and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

Men and women were purposefully created different by God to complement each other. Equals in value yet different in nature, husbands and wives are designed to work together to create families through the natural process of child-bearing, to honor God in their marriage and stay together for life.

As a result of the clarity of Scripture in regard to who God created marriage for, The Father's House will only conduct pre-marriage counseling, and only perform weddings for couples consisting of one man and one woman. We understand there are different philosophies and theologies that would allow for same-sex marriage. We respectfully disagree with those positions. The Father's House has chosen to stay within the historic, traditional, and clear interpretation of Scripture and our conviction that marriage is between a man and a woman only.

