

“THOU THAT REPLIEST AGAINST GOD”, #3

INTRODUCTION

- I. Read Rom. 9:20
 - A. In 2 previous lessons, we studied various ways some reply against God.
 1. 1st, we noted that some reply against **God** and His **Power**.
 2. 2nd, we noted that some reply against the **Bible**, the word of God.
 3. 3rd, we noted that some reply against God regarding His **church**.
 4. 4th, we noted that some reply against God in the matter of **baptism**
 - B. Surely there are many other ways that some reply against, God but we end this series by noting 2 final ways of replying against God.
- II. Now let's study how some reply against God in **marriage** and **godliness**

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, some reply against God in the INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE.

- A. In America today, laws are being put in place that say human beings are just beings in the human species, and can marry **any** member of that species, without any regard for what God teaches in the Bible.
 1. The law says a man may marry a man, or a woman a woman.
 - a. GOD says otherwise, for He declares a distinction between a man and a woman, as marriage is to **relate to the process of reproduction**. Gen.1:26-28; 2:18-24; Mt.19:3-6
 - b. God **condemns** the practice that dishonors His will in this matter Ro.1:26f; Jude 7; He13:4
 2. We ask, if we are just some sort of beings **in** the human species, **why** can't we marry a “being” in another species—for instance, a **horse**? (Review stories from Internet on marrying a horse).
- B. Then, some reply against God by advocating any sexual activity at any time—before and outside of marriage, especially in “living together.”
 1. Some say couples **need** to have sex (some say at least 5 years) before marriage, to see if they are compatible (just an excuse to justify their immorality).
 - a. Is **sex** the **only** thing involved in compatibility?
 - b. Yes, God **made** us “male and female” with strong desires, but tells us to confine such to marriage itself.
 - c. Sex is best if saved until marriage, as God has decreed. Gen.39:7-9; 1Co.7:1-4; He.13:4
 2. Some are saying marriage is only a piece of paper, and means nothing about the matter of sexual activity, and “living together” before that piece of paper is given has **nothing** to do with God.
 - a. Sex before marriage is to reply against God. Gen.39:9; cf 2Sa. 11-12; 12:13....
 - b. Sex outside of marriage is also to reply against God, and is inexcusable, and is the **only** action that allows a mate to put away one who has committed fornication, to engage in another marriage union. Mt.19:9
 - c. If marriage is just a piece of paper, **why** not have 2, 3 or 4 or

more pieces of paper at the same time, or consecutively??

II. 2nd, some reply against God by practicing UNGODLINESS.

- A. Sexual impurities and alcohol intoxication are often joined together and are chief ways that ungodliness occurs, and many other evil things result from these actions.
 - B. (Review a few headlines and news stories about immorality and alcohol today).
 - C. Ungodliness is a reply against God's plan for man's happiness and welfare, and truly separates one from God. Tit.1;11f; 2Pe.2:4-9...
- CONCLUSION
- I. What is **your** relationship with God?
 - A. Have you been obedient to His will, or have you begun replying against His will as a child of God?
 - B. Today provides an opportunity to make any correction in your relation with God, and it could well be your last opportunity.
 - II. Why not obey God, as we stand together and sing for your encouragement?