

FOOTHOLDS

Lesson 1: Same-sex Marriage

- I. There are a lot of issues, which pertain to the gay rights agenda, such as political party platforms, homosexuality, and candidates for public office, but we will deal with one issue this morning – same-sex marriage.
- II. The “same-sex marriage” debate in our country is essentially an issue about the definition of marriage.
- III. Legality, politics, and public opinion polls are all factors in the debate over same-sex marriage, but not the central one.
- IV. Same-sex marriage is essentially an issue of morality, which means that our Creator has the exclusive right to determine the definition of marriage.
- V. The mandate of Genesis 1:26-28 is impossible to obey in a same-sex marriage relationship, because there is no capacity within the relationship to bear children and eventually fill the earth.
- VI. The expanded version of the creation of man and woman in Genesis 2:7-23 indicates that the Creator intentionally designed the male and the female differently in order to complement one another.
- VII. A study of the six days of Genesis 1 indicates that the creation of woman and the anticipation of the union between the man and the woman was “very good” to God.
- VIII. The Hebrew word for “one”, as a unity composed of diversity according to Deuteronomy 6:4, is found in Genesis 2:24, indicating that marriage is intended to be between a man and a woman, who have intentionally been designed differently, in order to complement one another.
- IX. The issue of same-sex marriage jeopardizes the basic, historical institution of marriage, which has existed as part of the foundation of our country since its inception.
- X. Another issue at stake regarding same-sex marriage involves our children and grandchildren whose positive orientation toward heterosexual marriage will be assaulted as archaic and bigoted.

Due to the connection between traditional marriage and the birthing and raising of children, Virginia’s Supreme Court declared marriage “fundamental to our very existence and survival.”