

Marriage and Sex in the World to Come?

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Mattityahu/Matthew 22:23-32

23 The same day came to Him the Tzadukim (Saducees), who say that there is no resurrection, and asked Him,

24 Saying, Master, Moshe said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up zera (seed) for his brother.

25 Now there were among us seven brothers: and the first, when he had married a wife, he died and, having no children, left his wife to his brother:

26 Likewise the second also, and the third, all the way to the seventh.

27 And last of all, the woman died also.

28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be from the seven? For they all had her as a wife.

29 Yahushua answered and said to them, *You are led astray, not knowing the Keetvay HaKadosh (Scriptures as a Whole in plural form), nor the power of YHWH.*

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the heavenly malachim (angels) of YHWH in the shamayim (heavens).

31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by Eloah, saying,

32 *I am the Eloah of Avraham, and the Eloah of Yitzchak, and the Eloah of Yaakov? Eloah is not the Eloah of the dead, but of the living.*

Yahushua answers them precisely according to their question. They asked about in the resurrection. They did not ask about after the resurrection. To verify that they asked the wrong question, Yahushua says their asking only touched the resurrection of the dead.

What can malachim/angels do that we cannot? They can fly. In the resurrection, we fly and apparently fast.

Since they asked about "in the resurrection", how long does "in the resurrection" last?

Qorintyah Aleph / 1st Corinthians 15:50-55

50 Now this I say, Yisraelite brothers, that flesh and dahm (blood) cannot inherit the malchut (kingdom) of YHWH; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a sod (hidden mystical level) mystery; We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last shofar: for the shofar shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory 55 O death, where is your sting? O Sheol, where is your victory?

A twinkling of an eye. So for a brief moment, in the resurrection, people apparently aren't married to their current spouses because death and/or resurrection has freed them from their marriage covenants. Qorintyah Aleph 15:52 does not preserve earthly marriage covenants for those who have survived the tribulation. Why? Because the earthly marriage covenants were made between flesh and blood **mortals**. When a person puts on incorruptibility, that person has become an **immortal**. What earthly marriage covenants are between immortals? None that I'm aware of—certainly not any Natzarim, Messianic, or Christian.

Gilyahna/Revelation 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and the power of judgment was given to them: and I saw the beings of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yahushua, and for the word of YHWH, and who had not worshipped the beast, or his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Moshiach a thousand years.

By necessity, for the millennial Kingdom and beyond, people reproduce and therefore need to be married to reproduce. The church has told us that resurrected beings are void of marriage and sex. Says who? The resurrected human beings live and reign with Moshiach for 1000 years. Are we supposed to believe that the resurrected beings get the short end of the stick and are deprived of heterosexual marriage, while the pagans of the earth still are granted

that privilege and pleasure? Exactly who the resurrected are married to only Yahushua knows. Since the tzadukim asked the wrong question, we'll have to wait to find out the answer.

Gilyahna / Revelation 21:23-27

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the tifereth (glory/beauty) of YHWH did brighten it, and the Lamb is the Light of it.

24 And the nations of those that are saved shall walk in the Light of it: and the melechim (kings) of the olam (world) do bring their tifereth (glory/beauty) and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the tifereth (glory/beauty) and honor of the nations into it.

27 And there shall by no means enter into it anyone that is unclean, or whoever works abomination, and or makes up lies: but only those who are written in the Lamb's Sefer Ha Chayim (Scroll of Life).

People cannot be changed into eunuchs, because that would be unacceptable in the presence of YHWH. Additionally, what blessing is it for a bride to be rendered eternally sterile? If all believers are the collective bride of Moshiach, then they must be blessed with the capacity to reproduce.

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 65:20-24

20 There shall be no more there an infant of just a few days, nor an old man that has not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be cursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of an eytz (tree) so are the days of My people, and My chosen people shall outlive the work of their hands.

*23 They shall not labor in vain, nor conceive children for trouble; for they are the zera (seed) blessed of YHWH, and **their offspring** remains with them.*

In v 21, it tells of the labor that the saved will perform (building, planting), then in v. 23, it says that that labor will not be in vain like when others take away. Likewise when it says "nor conceive children for trouble..." That doesn't mean that they won't conceive children; the rest of the verse explains that they are blessed zera and their **offspring** remains with them. Their offspring (children of conception) will not die. In order to have children, there has to be sex (and of course the kadosh pattern of sex in Scripture is heterosexual marriage.)

The church's myth that we cease to be sexual beings in the world to come was a real stumbling block to me in my teenage years. I'm glad it was only a myth.

So then how do we make sense of Luka's account where Yahushua's reply is a bit more detailed?

Luka /Luke 20:34-35

34 And Yahushua answering said to them, *The children of the olam hazeh (this world) marry, and are given in marriage:*

35 *But those who shall be accounted worthy to obtain the olam haba (world to come), and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:*

36 *Neither can they die any more: for they are like the heavenly malachim (angels); and are the children of Eloah, being the children of the resurrection.*

37 *Now that the dead are raised, even Moshe showed at the bush, when he called the Master YHWH the Eloah of Avraham, and the Eloah of Yitzchak, and the Eloah of Yaakov.*

38 *For He is not the Eloah of the dead, but of the living: for all live to Him.*

The accounting process still takes place in the twinkling of an eye. During that accounting process there's no time for marriages. The main event at that time is the accounting. If scripture verifies itself and is harmonious with itself (which it does and is), then v. 35 cannot be a negation of marriage! "To obtain the olam haba" refers to something that occurs **after** the resurrection which occurs after the accounting of those worthy. So three events in this order:

1. the accounting,

2. the resurrection,
3. the olam haba (the world to come).

In v 35 "Neither marry nor are given in marriage" -- our marriage practices in this current world have a lot of rough spots. Our autonomy has often resulted in disaster. (Even in this world, arranged marriages have better longevity than non-arranged marriages). So whether we choose our marriage partners in this fallen world or they are chosen for us by our parents in this fallen world, the matches for the most part are imperfect. Yahushua in His wisdom knows best. So who we end up married to in the world to come has to be assigned by Him, but not by human arrangement or autonomy. The marriage in the olam haba is not according to this world's customs and traditions, but according to the Wisdom of Elohim.

Beresheeth/Genesis 17:17

17 Then Avraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his lev (heart), Shall a child be born to him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Avraham was making a remark that he himself was near being dead by the reasoning that he thought he could no longer reproduce. YHWH proved Avraham wrong not only with Yitzchak, but also by Avraham's offspring through Qeturah and the concubines.

By scriptural standards, to really Live, to be really living, means to reproduce. And in the olam haba (the world to come) reproduction has to be by marriage that is not of this world.

Concluding thoughts:

There are five fruits that result from the teaching of millennial marriage:

1. Believers are under less pressure to hurry up and get married to just any other believer.
2. Believers who are already in difficult marriages have something to look forward to in the world to come and thereby have more incentive to endure because this earthly married life isn't the be all and end all.

3. Since perfection is properly anticipated (for the millennial marriages assigned by Elohim) then the unrealistic expectation for perfect marriages in this world isn't an added stressor.
4. Potential prospective converts are no longer discouraged by the error of thinking the Creator(s) are some sort of cosmic killjoy(s) who take sex and marriage out of the reward for faithful believers.
5. Young unmarried believers are no longer under the pressure to have sex at least once before they die based upon the erroneous fear of a sexless afterlife.*

*In Evangelical Christian circles, this is even a greater problem because so many are erroneously anticipating a pretribulational rapture. To be "raptured" means no sex--ever, To a young person with pumping hormones, that sounds like hell. So what do they do? Fornicate with the presumption that they can ask for forgiveness later. The rates of fornication within evangelical circles bear this out.

Rabbi Simon Comments:

Another Church myth busted.

I agree with Chris that the pattern of marriage will continue in the millennium. We are meant to be united with a woman who is a believer and rule and reign for 1000 years. The church myth has done an immense damage to most people's psychology by teaching error of marriage in the world to come.

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