

For This Cause

one man and one woman
making a covenant commitment
to become one with each other until death

What causes you to get up and get going? Is there a cause that moves your heart and motivates your life? Do you have a cause worth living for? Better than that, do you have a cause worth dying for? Did you know that our God has a cause? Jehovah Jesus has a cause that has become one of the most significant issues for our state today. This cause is foundational to our culture. It is one of the Foundational Truths upon which our society stands. This cause is the crossroads issue of our nation's future.

Turn with me to one of the most familiar verses we know, Genesis 2:24. **For this cause**, our Creator God has said through His Word,

Genesis 2:24 **For this cause a man** shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to **his wife**; and they **shall become one flesh**.

For this cause, from the sixth day of creation, God clearly and completely defined marriage. **For this cause**, one man and one woman will make a covenant commitment to each other to become one with each other until their death. **For this cause** the One who was slain before the foundation of the world emphasized and explained the Biblical definition of marriage. In the book of Matthew Jesus said,

Matthew 19:5 "**For this cause a man** shall leave his father **and** mother, and shall cleave to **his wife**; and the two **shall become one flesh**"

In the book of Mark Jesus emphasizes God's eternal determination and timeless definition of marriage.

Mark 10:6-8 But **from the beginning of creation**, God made them **male and female**. **For this cause** a man shall leave his father and mother, and

the two shall become one flesh; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh.

For this cause, for over 5,000 years, people everywhere knew and experienced God's definition of marriage so that Paul could easily and specifically say,

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Do you see that **for this cause** the Word of God magnifies the Biblical definition of marriage to a level that is so much bigger than a two-person issue? The definition of marriage is an eternal Church issue! It is past time for the Church to wake up, get up, speak up, and move up to her corporate place of community responsibility.

By the leadership of the Spirit of God, **for this cause**, I am willing to join with other pastors to lead the Church of Texas to publicly stand together. **For this cause**, I am inspired, informed, and enlisted to lead you to intelligently and legally vote for our Lord's definition of marriage.

For this cause, this morning I am seeking your help. As the people of God at the _____ (Church name), I want you to know that I need your help. I need you to be an example of a congregation that is committed, motivated, educated, registered, and ready to vote. I need you to be a life-giving people that God uses to be a life changing force in our state and nation.

So, this morning we are going to look at what the Bible has to say about "**For This Cause**".

The phrase, "**for this cause**" appears in the Bible in two categories or groupings. The obvious and main grouping of verses directly speaks to God's definition of marriage. By way of

introduction, I have quickly shown you those verses. I believe the other grouping of verses that contain the phrase “**for this cause**” gives us insight into how God wants to use His concept of marriage to influence and impact all the cultures of human society around the world.

Looking at the verses of this second grouping, learn five Ways of God concerning marriage, culture, and the Church.

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1 – Proclaiming the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Exodus 9:16 But, indeed, **FOR THIS CAUSE** I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power, and **in order to proclaim My Name through all the earth.**

The obvious context of this verse has to do with the formation and release of God’s People so that they might serve and honor Him. Just as this verse speaks to that context, in principle, I believe it also points to God’s plan and purpose for His well-defined concept of marriage to inherently proclaim the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to the culture. The only definition of marriage that can essentially and effectively do this is our Lord’s definition, the one found in the Bible.

The Biblical definition of marriage proclaims the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 – Exalting the Godhead deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

John 5:18 **FOR THIS CAUSE** therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, **making Himself equal with God.**

Although many people today are either ignorant of or dead set against the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is God, the Jewish leaders of Israel in the first century knew that was exactly what Jesus claimed. I believe marriage lived out by God's definition helps a culture come to realize that Jesus and the Father are one, that Jesus is God. An attack on marriage is ultimately an attack against the authoritative deity of Jesus.

The Biblical definition of marriage exalts the Godhead deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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3 – Bringing LIFE where there has been death

John 12:17-18 And so the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness. FOR THIS CAUSE also the multitude went and met Him...

Carrying the key of David, the keys of the Kingdom, and the keys of death and Hades, Jesus can turn death inside out and upside down. He has, He did, He does, and He will give life in the place of death. In this instance, Lazarus was recalled back into life, as we know it, and restored to his family by the authoritative spoken Word of Jesus. I believe that His Written Word is just as authoritative and life giving. When cultures and societies follow His Word, they are energized with life. When they neglect or reject His Word, they choose death.

The Biblical definition of marriage brings LIFE into relationships, cultures, and societies.

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4 – Bringing prophetic judgment on unbelievers

John 12:39-40 **FOR THIS CAUSE they could not believe**, for Isaiah said again, "He has blinded their eyes, and He hardened their heart; lest they see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and be converted, and I heal them."

Jesus told Nicodemus that everyone who does not believe in Him is already judged. Part of God's ordained system for delivering His righteous judgment is what we call marriage and the family. God ordained that self-government would be first and best learned within the family structure that grows out of marriage, the kind of marriage He defined. Through the practice of self-government we can best learn the lifestyle of His Lordship government.

More than any other, the relationship of marriage both tests and demonstrates our practice of self-government and Kingdom Lordship. When lived rightly, the give-and-take loving relationship between one man and one woman in marriage greatly honors the Lord Jesus Christ and is a severe indictment against any and all who will not believe in Him.

The Biblical definition of marriage brings prophetic judgment on unbelievers.

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5 – Bringing strong reproof on believers

Titus 1:10-11, 13-14 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain...This testimony is true. **FOR THIS CAUSE reprove them severely** that they may be sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

It has been repeatedly said that strong families build strong churches, and strong churches build a strong nation. Strong

families grow out of strong marriages. Marital, familial, and societal strength is a shield against the spirit of rebellion, a silencer against the spirit of deception, a stabilizer against the spirit of disruption, and an overcoming joyous contentment against the spirit of greed.

I believe that Biblically defined and Biblically based marriages are light bearing and life convicting weapons in the arsenal of our Lord. God uses them to expose sin so it can be confessed and forgiven.

The Biblical definition of marriage brings strong reproof on believers.

Our God has given the Church of Texas a special “*kairos*” opportunity. By His hand and through our legislators and governor, on Tuesday, November 8, we have the opportunity to publicly declare into law His definition of marriage. With information, inspiration, and participation, the Church needs to seize this great opportunity.

For this cause will you commit to help me inspire, inform, and enlist others as together we proclaim the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ?

For this cause, exalting the Godhead deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, will you commit to help me motivate others to become educated, registered, and ready to vote?

For this cause will you commit to help me encourage the Church of Texas to be a life-giving people that God uses to be a life changing force in our state and nation?

For this cause will you commit to help me embrace our Lord’s definition of marriage so He can continue to bring prophetic judgment on unbelievers and strong reproof on believers?

Stand up together with me and agree with me in prayer.

For this cause, O Lord, we come to You. **For this cause** we ask You to give heed to our cry. **For this cause** we ask You to give ear to our prayer. With the Truth of Your Word we thank you for this opportunity and we ask, **for this cause**, that You give to the Church of Texas the favor of Your upright look and the authority of Your righteous judgment. **For this cause** we look to You and depend on You. Arise, O God, and plead this cause as Your cause. **For this cause** remember the foolishness of those who reproach Your Word. **For this cause** remember the hostility of those who speak against Your Will. **For this cause** remember the destructiveness of those who stand up against Your Ways. **For this cause** O Mighty One of Israel, in all Your splendor and majesty and with Your sword on Your thigh, ride victoriously through the state of Texas. With Your powerful and awesome right hand, teach us truth, teach us humility, and teach us righteousness, **for this cause**.

Psalm 17:1-2 Psalm 74:22-23 Psalm 45:3-4