

Isaiah 8:11-20

v.11 – Walk a different way

v.12 – Talk a different talk

v.13 – Sanctify Yehovah – Make God your all – total - exclusive

v.16 – Torah and testimony

Torah is the talk – Teaching – Truth – God’s way

Testimony is the walk – Lifestyle – Evidence

v.17 – Wait on Yehovah

v.18 – Be living signs – that Yehovah’s ways are LIFE - Good

v.20 – Torah and testimony – OR – NO Light

Presuppositions - From Creation Story

1. Special Creation – Made in Image of God – not image of beast
Given dominion – Absolute Value – Common Designer
2. Our Hearts were made IN and FOR Paradise – Love – Joy
Not IN and FOR evolutionary struggle – brutality – death
3. We cannot improve on Paradise – Only break what God made
4. Human history is one of regressive–devolution – Entropy
Not progressive–evolution
5. Any way we differ from Paradise reveals our brokenness
We are all broken – from birth – Need healing
6. Social roles – as reflected in Torah – are flexible
Moral rules – as commanded in Torah – are laws of LIFE
Cannot change without damaging people = immorality

To flex societal roles is part of life
To change moral rules is contrary to LIFE

Marriage – Wife – Husband – in OT

Wife = Woman – “ish-shah” – his woman

Husband = Man – “iysh” – her man

Marriage – 3 main words

To take – He took a woman – He took her to him as woman

To give – He gave his daughter as woman

To own – “ba'al” – lord, owner – Also name of pagan god

Sweet ownership of love – Belonging

Song 6:3 – I am my beloved's - and my beloved is mine

Song 7:10 – I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me

God's “word” for Marriage = **One Flesh** – *basar echad*

Genesis 2:24

Therefore – “for thus” – because God created male and female
a man – *iysh* – male
shall leave – *'āzab* – leave behind – be moving away from
his father and his mother – his childhood family dependence
and be joined – *dabaq* – Active: pursue – overtake – cling to
to his woman – *ish-shah* – female
and they shall become – “they will be being” – ongoing reality
one flesh – A Divine creative act of God



Matthew 19:4-6

v.4 – He made them male and female

v.5 – For this reason... - Quotes Genesis 2:24

v.6 – No longer two, but one flesh

What God has yoked together, let not man separate

Anyone can “marry” you

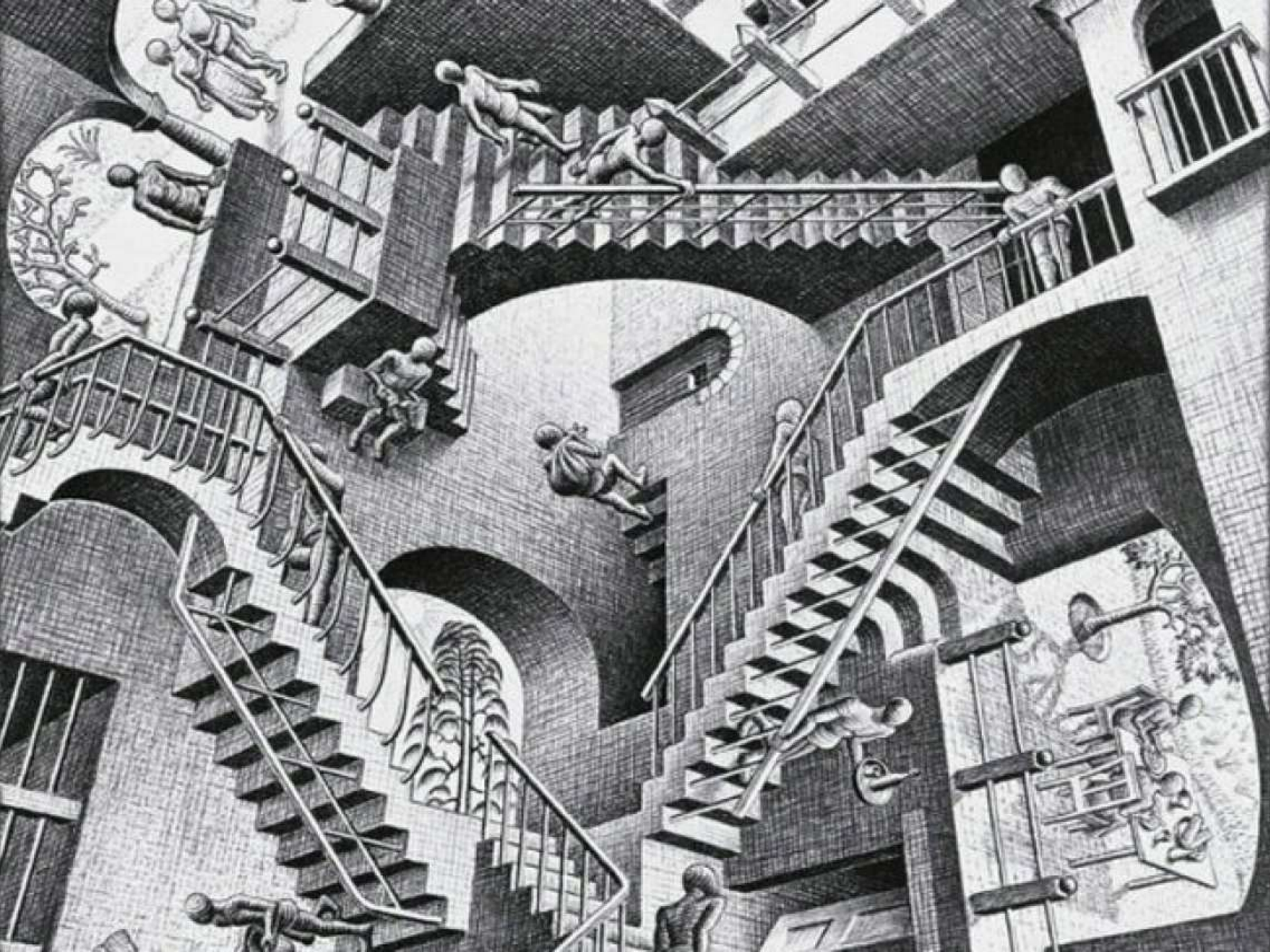
Truly becoming “One Flesh”
requires a Divine creation-act of God

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v.22 – Women to their own men – AS to the Lord

Man is head of woman AS Christ is head of Church

As Church is subject to Christ – so woman to her own man

Give up control – Let yourselves be loved

v.25 – Men love your women – AS Christ loved the Church

A Command – To be subjugated unto total sacrifice

v.31 – Quotes Genesis 2:24 – “One Flesh”

v.32 – A great mystery – Concerning Christ and the Church

The church body is to seek a “one flesh” type unity

v.33 – Man LOVE his own women – Woman RESPECT her man

LOVE is the fulfilling of the Law

Paul's instructions about church order

Needed because LOVE was not fully functional

Due to immaturity – selfishness – control issues

Do we seek the “ONEness of Love” or “Rules for Order”?

Rules can bring basic order – but not romance

Love brings perfect order – and romance

Don't settle for Order and Structure

Go for Love – ONEness – Paradise

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Sexual union results in a “ONE BODY” union

“One body” is part of, but not the fullness of “one flesh”

Unholy fornication ≠ Holy matrimony

We can do “one body” – Only God can do “one flesh”

Separating “one body” back into two - Breaks - wounds - damages

Any sexual union outside of an unconditional life commitment enabled and empowered by God’s “one flesh” miracle

Is inherently selfish – irresponsible

Is taking, not giving – consuming, not loving

If that union is ever broken – You both are left broken

Any sex outside of a one-flesh union is an act of destruction perpetrated on the other to satisfy selfish desire

The SEX is not immoral – Hurting another person is immoral

Marriage – Genesis 2:24

ONE FLESH = God's term for marriage

Human terms are: Take...Give...Own...a woman

Jesus comments – *What God has joined* – (Matthew 19:6)

Only God can do “**One Flesh**” – An act of ongoing Creation

Humans can do “**One Body**” – Sex – (1 Corinthians 16:6)

Governments can do “**One Property**” – Marriage license

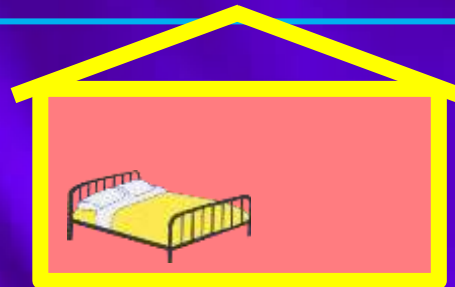
Doing “One Body” before “One Flesh” is inherently selfish

A destructive act on each other to satisfy selfish desire

Risking a “ripping apart” that causes irreparable damage

Setting up the bedroom

*Before building the
house*



Sex is not immoral

*Hurting people is
what's immoral*

