

## PROSECUTING THOSE WHO NOW PRACTICE OR IN THE PAST PRACTICED POLYGAMY

HERE IS AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE I FOUND ON ANSWERBUG

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Most of society has given up on supporting traditional ideas of sexual morality. So, as long as all parties are consenting, they don't see anything wrong with premarital sex or even extramarital relationships. Given this attitude, how absurd is it to say that we are going to prosecute one group just because they call their relationship a marriage but we are not going to prosecute another group because they don't call their relationship a marriage. Do you see the hypocrisy in this stand?

Glenn

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And here is my reply to him:

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Glenn,

Your comments are very insightful. I have wondered the same thing. The people pointing fingers at those who belong to a church that at one time practiced polygamy are many times themselves saying that they don't see anything wrong with premarital sex or even extramarital relationships.

Many are trying to use their media power to try to associate people like Warren Jeffs or other similar modern day polygamy groups with the Mormon Church. You have to wonder if they have even tried to do any research about the Mormon Church before making such false statements or if they are just to try to give the Mormon Church the same image as those who are practicing polygamy today. You have to wonder if there is not some political agenda behind what they are doing.

Many "Born Again Christians" do not believe they have to live the commandments anymore because they are "Saved". Yet they go to great lengths to discredit Mormons because they at one time in the 1800's they practiced polygamy as taught in the Bible.

It is interesting that in all these posted comments I find on forums, no one has mentioned that Abraham had more than one wife and the 12 tribes came from Jacob who worked for 7 years for Rachel then being tricked by his father-in-law married Leah so then he worked 7 more years for Rachel. Then he had 2 wives. Rachel could not have kids so she gave Jacob her handmaiden to have kids for her, then he had 3 wives. So not to be outdone Leah gave her handmaiden to him too. So in the end he had 4 wives who are the mothers of the 12 tribes. It would seem to me that those who say the practice was not Biblical need to read the Old Testament again.

I would say that the question is not whether polygamy is right or wrong, only if God commands it because it is obviously allowed in the Old Testament by prophets and if those living it are righteous people. Obviously some of those practicing polygamy in this day and age are not righteous people in any way shape or form.

Yes I would agree with you that this is the highest form of hypocrisy in our modern society and obviously it appears it is being used for political purposes at this time as we approach an election year.

That of course is just my opinion!

Thanks for your great insight.

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