

## Solution to Study 0074

1. Do you know of other forms of marriage? Please state them.  
*[participants are expected to come up with as many examples of various forms of marriage they may know]*
2. What is, and what is not, the origin of marriage? (**Genesis 2:18; Matthew 19:7-8; 15:3**)
  - **Marriage originated from the beginning, after God had made man.**
  - **Moses did not originate marriage;**
  - **The religious leaders did not originate marriage;**
  - **The elders did not originate marriage;**
  - **Society did not originate marriage.**
3. Following from Nos. 1 & 2 above, where should we then turn to in order to obtain the truth about marriage? And where should we avoid turning to for counsel on marriage? (**Matthew 15:3, 9; Mark 10:2-9; Psalm 1:1-2**)
  - **We must turn to God and His word to obtain the uncomprising truth about marriage.**
  - **We must turn away from:**
    - > **Commandments of men**
    - > **Compromised doctrines**
    - > **Self-acclaimed religious leaders**
    - > **The counsel of the ungodly and ungodly counsel**
    - > **The idea of sinners and the world**
    - > **The suggestion of scorners and Satan**
4. What makes a true marriage? (**Genesis 2:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:16; Romans 7:1-4; Matthew 19:3-9**)
  - **God initiates it**
  - **It must be between a man and a woman (usually brought by God)**
  - **There must be a leaving of all other relationships**
  - **There must be a cleaving (which is a process of two becoming one in unity)**
  - **There must be openness (trust) between both the man and his wife**
  - **There must be a consummation**
  - **There can be no divorce. The only way they can be separated, is by the death of one of the Parties**
  - **There can be no room for the hardness of heart (there has to be lots of tolerance among the two Parties)**

### Conclusion

Marriage is not the idea of **Moses, religious leaders, the elders, or society**. It is **God's** idea, and as such we must turn to **God and His word** to know more about marriage.