

The Lord God brought the woman to the man; who expressed his satisfaction and joy, by the most endearing of all appellations, and by affirming that the connection with her was the nearest which could possibly be constituted: "She is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." To Adam's individual claim the Lord gave his eternal sanction, by a declaration which contains a law of perpetual obligation in every age, and which cannot be violated without insulting the divine supremacy. "Therefore, shall a man leave his Father and Mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 1." Thus Marriage was established, sacred and honourable, of high Distinction, and nearly combined with the dignity and fruition of human nature.

The narrative of the Deluge indicates, that the perversion of the matrimonial ordinance was the grand source of those enormous impieties which finally involved

1. By making them one man and one woman, God condemned Polygamy, and by making them one flesh, he condemned Divorce.

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