

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with the character and form of today's family, which is based on traditional marriage. It draws its foundations from theological interpretations of biblical passages that address this topic. These passages primarily present the family as God's will for people and His behavior as the model for marital ethics. The next section introduces the preferences and attitudes of people from the Czech Republic based on public opinion polls towards marriage, family, and other forms of social coexistence. Afterward, these public opinions are compared with the reality, as presented by the Czech statistical office, which monitors divorces and marriages in the region. The last chapters then focus on the negative effects of divorce and the factors which lead to the disruption of marital integrity. They also address the moral values that strengthen marital roles, relational permanency and "a healthy family".