

“LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER”

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INTRO.:

- A. The text **Matthew 19:1-12**.**
- B. Some troubling statistics:**
 - 1. U.S. has the highest divorce rate of the populous nations.
 - 2. Interesting to note: Jewish 30 % - Christians 27% - Atheist 21 %.
- C. Men have been trying to solve or slow down the rate of divorces (Counseling books, seminars, etc.).**
 - 1. Man's only true answer is God's answer!
 - 2. Oh, how we need to turn back to God's way (**Pro. 3:5; 19:21**).
- D. He has given us all the answers we need (**Matt. 19:3-6**)!**

DISCUSSION: THREE MAIN POINTS. Concerning marriage...

- 1. GOD CREATED.**
- 2. GOD UNITES.**
- 3. GOD REGULATES.**

I. GOD CREATED MARRIAGE.

- A. Note: “What God hath joined together.”**
- B. The question and the answer given (**Vs. 3-6**).**
 - 1. The question: “Is it lawful” (**Vs. 3**)?
 - 2. In giving the answer Jesus pointed them to what God had said.
 - 1) What God had made (**Vs. 4**).
 - 2) What God had said (**Vs. 5**).
 - 3) What God had joined (**Vs. 6**).
- C. Today men are turning to what men are saying! Obeying the created rather than the Creator (**Rom. 1:25; Jer. 10:23**).**
- D. It was God, who by His infinite wisdom created marriage and the home.**
 - 1. **Matt. 19:4-6** references **Gen. 2:18, 21-24**.
 - 2. Since man did not establish the home and marriage...man must not presume to change what God said! **Rev. 22:18-19** includes changing or adding to God's marriage law!

II. GOD UNITES MAN AND WOMAN IN MARRIAGE.

- A. It was man to woman & woman to man.**
 - 1. Not man to man or woman to woman!!! (**Discuss more later.**)
 - 1) **READ: Gen. 2:18-25.**
 - 2) **READ: Rom. 1:25-27.**
- B. The WHEREFORE in **verse 6** is the logical conclusion of what is said in **verses 4 and 5**. Not TWO... but ONE in purpose.**
 - 1. To help one another along on life's journey. Heaven as their goal.
 - 2. For procreation. (The only place this is permitted!)
- C. Now NOTE in **verse 6**: “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”**
 - 1. JOINED = (suzeugnumi) to *yoke together*, that is, (figuratively) *conjoin* (in marriage): - join together (Strong's).
 - 2. Marriage is joining together of a man and a woman (**Eph. 5:22-28**).
- D. Everyone is responsible to this law!**
 - 1. None are exempt.
 - 1) Christian or non-Christian.

- 2) Jesus gave the same answer to both the Pharisee and to His disciples
Matt. 19:3, 10!
2. Notice **Matt. 19:9** “WHOSOEVER!!!” No person is excluded!

III. GOD REGULATES THE MARRIAGE.

A. The fact: From Matt. 19:6 we see God regulates... not men!

1. He REGULATES... The WHO, The UNION, The ROLE.
2. REGULATES = to govern or direct according to rule.

B. Notice: God regulates...

1. The WHO of marriage. **Matt. 19:4-5; Gen. 2:22-24.**
 - 1) Notice... NOT for homosexual relationships.
 - a. **Rom. 1:24-25. Lev. 18:22; 20:13 – READ.**
 - b. “A VILE AFFECTION worthy of death.”
 - 2) Those qualified to be married.
 - a. Never been married.
 - b. One whose mate has died. (**Rom. 7:1-3**)
 - c. The innocent party whose mate has committed fornication (**Matt. 19:9; Matt. 5:32; Luke 16:18.**
 - 3) To live with an unqualified mate is to live in adultery!
2. God regulates: The UNION of marriage.
 - 1) By this I mean He joined two people and men are not to “PUT ASUNDER” what He joined.
 - 2) God intended for the marriage to be permanent.
3. God regulates the ROLE of husbands and wives.
 - 1) The husband is to be the head of the family (**Eph. 5:22-24**).
 - 2) The wife is to be in submission.
 - a. **Eph. 5:22, 24, 33.**
 - b. We have seen changes in society’s idea about this.
 - c. It is not DUAL leadership.
 - d. Things can be discussed, but the husband is ultimately held responsible!

C. God expects HONOR, LOVE, and RESPECT in the marriage (**Eph. 5:25, 28-29. Heb. 13:4**).

D. The problem today is brought on by a failure to be in subjection to God’s PLAN FOR THE HOME.

E. God’s plan: “What God hath joined together let not man put asunder.”