

“MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE – GOD’S PLAN OR MAN’S.”

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: Matt. 19:3-12.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Jesus gave a clear and unmistakable lesson on “Marriage As God Intends.”
 - 1) Contrary to popular belief, God still has something to say about the marriage law.
 - 2) Many dismiss or change what God has commanded.
2. A careful study of **Matthew 19:3-12** reveals the law which was set forth by God.

C. In this study, we will observe several things relative to God’s marriage law.

I. MARRIAGE IS A DIVINE INSTITUTION (Matthew 19:3-5).

A. The Pharisees came to Jesus tempting Him.

1. Their question: Can men put away their mate for every cause.
2. Jesus answered the question with “Have ye not read...?”
 - 1) He did not appeal to the emotional side of this issue.
 - 2) The answer is still found in the same place today.

B. Marriage was instituted by God in Genesis 2:21-24 (Matthew 19:5).

1. Marriage is uniting a man and a woman (**Gen. 2:24-25; Matt. 1:19-25; Rom. 7:2-3**).
2. The same sex arrangement violates God’s law (**Gen. 19:4-7, 11; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:26-27**).

II. MAN MUST NOT DIVIDE WHAT GOD JOINED (Matt. 19:6).

A. This should be the primary teaching on MDR!

B. God’s marriage law that was set in place “from the beginning.”

1. He is saying, “One man and one woman for life.”
2. The only exception to this rule is seen in **verses 7-12**.

C. Verse six is a commandment, not a suggestion!

1. The charge is that man must not divide what God has joined.
 - 1) Some say that men cannot divide this relationship.
 - 2) If this were true, why would there be a prohibition placed upon something that man cannot violate?
 - 3) The message is that men sin when they divide what God has joined together.
 - 4) **Malachi 2:15-16** God “hates putting away.”)

D. When a “putting away” takes place, sin is committed.

1. If it is for fornication – Fornication is the sin.
2. If no fornication - The divorce violates **Matt. 19:6**.

III. ONLY ONE EXCEPTION FOR A DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE (Matthew 19:7-12).

A. There is only one scriptural reason for divorce and remarriage of the innocent party.

1. This reason must be “for fornication” (**Luke 16:18; Matt. 5:32**).
2. A divorce that is not “for fornication” is unscriptural and neither party is free to remarry.

B. Matt. 19:9.

1. Jesus says there must be fornication *before* the divorce.
2. If this is not the case it is out of step with God's word.

C. Notice verses 10-12.

1. When couples find themselves unscripturally divorced they have no right to be remarried and must become eunuchs (celibate) for the kingdom's sake.
2. No one has the God-given right to marry after a divorce "except" the divorce is for fornication.
3. This exception is given only to the innocent party.

IV. Conclusion.

- A. God does not have two marriage laws. We are all bound by that which is taught in Matthew 19:3-12. Divorce is a devastating thing, yet the loss of one's soul is even more so.**
- B. Remember, "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."**
- C. This must be observed and obeyed. We must never disobey any of God's commandments.**