

Jesus Addresses the Damage of Divorce (Luke 16:18 & Selected)

¹⁸ "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from [her] husband commits adultery."

AN OVERVIEW OF BIBLICAL MARRIAGE:

1. _____: **One Male and One Female**
Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
2. _____: **To Produce Children and to Preside Over Nature**
Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
3. _____: **The Realm of God's Gift of Physical Intimacy**
Hebrews 13:4 Marriage [is] honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
4. _____: **Each with a Role and Responsibilities**
Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, "[It is] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
5. _____: **Two Joined into One Flesh by God**
Genesis 2:22-24 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: "This [is] now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Matthew 19:4-6 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made [them] at the beginning `made them male and female,' ⁵ "and said, `For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."
6. _____: **Representing Position & Roles of Christ & the Church**
Ephesians 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ... ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

THE DAMAGE OF DIVORCE (AND ADULTERY):

Malachi 2:13-16 And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive [it] with goodwill from your hands. ¹⁴ Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ But did He not make [them] one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

1. **Divorce** _____ **God's Plan**
2. **Divorce** _____ **God's Designed Purpose**
3. **Divorce** _____ **God's Realm for Physical Intimacy**
4. **Divorce** _____ **God's Designed Partnership**
5. **Divorce** _____ **God's Designed Permanence**
6. **Divorce** _____ **God's Designed Picture**

GOD'S LIMITATIONS FOR DIVORCE:

1. _____ **(Sexual Union with Someone Not One's Spouse)**
Leviticus 20:10 `The man who commits adultery with [another] man's wife, [he] who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.
Matthew 5:32 "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery."
2. _____ **by an Unbelieving Spouse**
1 Corinthians 7:10-15 Now to the married I command, [yet] not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from [her] husband. ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to [her] husband. And a husband is not to divorce [his] wife. ¹² But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. ¹³ And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such [cases]. But God has called us to peace.