

GOD HATES DIVORCE

Matthew 19:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ *They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*

⁸ *He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.***

HOW WAS THE BEGINNING?

Before man sin

Prior to the fall, man and woman had enjoyed a relationship of equality as cosharers in the divine image and as partners in the divine mandate (marriage) to exercise dominion over creation

Genesis 2:21-25 (KJV)

²¹ *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

²² *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto 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 shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

²⁵ *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Psalm 45:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;*

What was God's plan for bringing them into marriage?

Genesis 1:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

²⁸ *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

After man had sinned

Adam and Eve having allowed sin to sever their primary dependency on God, man and woman became respectively subject to the elements from which they had been originally made.

Man became subject to the dust of the ground whence he had come

Genesis 3:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

Woman became subject to the man from whom she had been formed.

Genesis 3:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband**, and he shall rule over thee.*

Neither rulership nor divorce was part of God's original design for the marriage relationship.

AVOID WRITING OF DIVORCEMENT

Matthew 5:31-32 (KJV)

³¹ *It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:*

³² *But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

Leviticus 20:10 (KJV) – Having an affair is adultery and it is a destructive sin

¹⁰ *And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.*

Proverbs 6:32 (KJV)

³² *But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.*

1 Corinthians 6:9 (KJV)

⁹ *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, nor idolaters, **nor adulterers**, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

GOD HATES DIVORCE AND REGARD NOT OUR OFFERINGS ANY MORE

Malachi 2:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ *And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that **he regardeth not the offering any more**, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.*

¹⁴ *Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet **is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.***

Genesis 17:7 (KJV) – What you need to know about God's covenant

⁷ *And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for **an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.*

Malachi 2:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ *And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. **And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.***

Ephesians 5:30-32 (KJV) – The mystery of two becoming one

³⁰ *For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

³¹ *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

³² *This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ and the church.***

Malachi 2:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment**, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

Psalms 109:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ *As he clothed himself with **cursing like as with his garment.***

SATAN’S DECEPTION TO BREAK MARRIAGE

1 Corinthians 7:2-5 (KJV)

² *Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

³ *Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.*

⁴ *The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.*

⁵ *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*

Call on God and He will guide you out of your marriage issues

Psalms 32:8 (KJV)

⁸ *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*