

“Biblical Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage”

Matt. 19:3-9

Introduction

- I. Much ignorance exists when it comes to defining marriage, scriptural divorce, and scriptural remarriage.
- II. Different schools of thought existed in the time of Jesus [school of Hillel-divorce for any cause; school of Shammai-divorce only for adultery].
- III. Jesus used the Bible as the standard in such matters (Matt. 19:3-9).

Discussion

- I. Biblical marriage
 - A. Marriage can only exist between a man and a woman by God's authority (Gen. 2:18-25).
 - B. God joins a man and woman in marriage, when proper conditions apply (Matt. 19:6).
 1. Two unmarried individuals, including the categories of widowers and widows.
 2. An unmarried and Scripturally divorce individual.
 3. Two Scripturally divorced individuals.
 - C. The marriage bond is intended to last until the death of at least one of the individuals (Rom. 7:1-3).
- II. Biblical divorce and remarriage
 - A. God only allows divorce under one condition, fornication (Matt. 5:32; 19:9).
 - B. The innocent party may divorce the guilty party, and thus frees himself from the marriage bond.
 - C. The person that has been “put away” has no freedom to remarry.
 - D. Paul did not contradict the teaching of Jesus 1 Cor. 7:15.
- III. All are amenable to God's law of marriage, divorce, and remarriage (2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 1:8; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 28:18-20).

Conclusion

- I. Friend, marriage is defined by God, not man.
- II. If you are in a relationship that God did not authorize, then you need to repent and cease the relationship.
- III. Let us help the world better understand Biblical marriage, divorce, and remarriage.