

SERMON NOTES AM

CAN A MAN DIVORCE FOR ANY REASON?

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" (Matthew 19:3)

Malachi 2:16 (p 1106)

GOD ORDAINED THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE, NOT _____

Romans 7:2-3 (p 1299) Bound by the _____

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (p 1315) Singular relationship

Matthew 5:32 (p 1116) For any _____ except



1st QUESTION FROM THE PHARISEES

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" Matthew 19:3 (p 1134)

Not an honest question – they were “_____ Him”

Jesus’ answer was clear (19:4-6)

He appealed to _____ : He appealed to _____ : He appealed to _____

NOTICE JESUS WAS FINISHED WITH HIS ANSWER; HE ANSWERED THE QUESTION! “NO!”

2nd QUESTION FROM THE PHARISEES

"Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" (Matthew 19:7)

This was the _____! Trying to _____ Jesus.

Jesus’ answer was clear (Matthew 19:8-9)

Allowance under Law of Moses because of their _____

He again appeals to _____

Jesus restates the EXCEPTION

NOTICE THE DISCIPLES _____ CLEARLY WHAT JESUS HAD JUST SAID! (V10)

CAN YOU GET A DIVORCE FOR ANY REASON? _____

- No matter what the laws of the _____ allow!
- No matter the mood of _____!
- No matter what the _____ says!
- The only exception for _____ is sexual immorality!

NO OTHER REASON IS ACCEPTABLE IN THE EYES OF GOD!



The REACTION of the disciples verse 10

The ANSWER of Jesus verses 11-12

Not everyone will accept the _____ of God

Some are _____ without natural affections to women

Some are _____ that way by men

SOME ARE WILLING TO FOREGO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH A WOMAN "FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN'S SAKE"!

He who is able to accept it, let him accept it!

It is not lawful for you to have your _____ wife Mark 6:18 (p 1158)

How does *Matthew 19* apply?

- ✓ He had no lawful right to _____!
- ✓ He was in an immoral union/relationship!
- ✓ He needed to become a _____ for the Lord!

BUT WAIT – IS THAT FAIR; CAN THAT BE TOO MUCH TO ASK; WHAT IF THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER; HOW CAN GOD NOT EXPECT THEM TO FIND HAPPINESS WITH ONE ANOTHER?



NOTICE THE CONTEXT OF MATTHEW 19 (pp 1134-1135)

- The question about _____ vv 3, 7
- The _____ by Jesus vv 4-6; 8-9
- The _____ of the disciples vv 10-12
- THE LITTLE _____ vv 13-15
- It will take the heart of a _____ to accept this teaching *Matthew 18:1-5* (p 1133)

THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Matthew 19 (p 1134)

1. He asks the right _____ v 16
2. He is told what to do vv 17-21
3. He goes away _____ v 22



WHY DID HE GO AWAY? WHY DID HE LEAVE JESUS?

HE IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP SOMETHING VERY _____ TO HIM TO _____ THE LORD!

WHAT ABOUT _____?

Forgiveness defined:

The act of _____ *1 John 1:9* (p 1398)

Based upon _____ *2 Corinthians 7:9-10* (p 1331)

What forgiveness will not do:

Change _____ *2 Samuel 12:18* (p 362)

Make wrong _____ *Matthew 5:32* (p 1116)

*Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;
but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
Hebrews 13:4* (p 1384)

*But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men
this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26* (p 1135)