

# SERMON NOTES AM

## WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT DIVORCE?

"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." Malachi 2:16 (p 1106)

Matthew 19 (p 1134)

### 1st QUESTION FROM THE PHARISEES

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"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 "testing Him"

Jesus' answer was clear (19:4-6) He appealed to \_\_\_\_\_

He appealed to authority

He appealed to God

**NOTICE JESUS WAS FINISHED WITH HIS ANSWER; HE ANSWERED THE QUESTION!**

[ ] YES [ ] NO

### 2nd QUESTION FROM THE PHARISEES

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

This was the TEST! Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

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

Allowance under Law of Moses because of their \_\_\_\_\_

He again appeals to authority

Jesus restates the \_\_\_\_\_

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

### CAN YOU GET A DIVORCE FOR ANY REASON? - NO -

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- ✓ No matter what the laws of the land 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

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The ANSWER of Jesus    verses 11-12

- ☞ Not everyone will accept the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- ☞ Some are \_\_\_\_\_ without natural affections to women
- ☞ Some are made 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 BROTHER'S WIFE

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Mark 6:18 (p 1158)

How does *Matthew 19* apply?

1. He had no \_\_\_\_\_ right to Herodias!
2. He was in an immoral union/relationship!
3. 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)

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The question about divorce vv 3, 7

The answers by Jesus vv 4-6; 8-9

The reaction of the disciples vv 10-12

THE LITTLE CHILDREN 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)

- ⚡ He asks the right \_\_\_\_\_ v 16
- ⚡ He is told what to do vv 17-21
- ⚡ 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 SERVE THE LORD!

## NOTICE THE REACTION OF JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES (verses 23-26)

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)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' *Matthew 7:21-23* (p 1118)