

Divorce & Remarriage – “As It Was In The Beginning”

Introduction:

- A. *Genesis 1:24-31* – the sixth day of God's creation.
- B. *Genesis 2:7-8, 18-25* provides further details.

I. A Closer Look At *Genesis 2:24*

- A. “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother...*”
 - 1. *Matthew 19:4-5* provides the additional reinforcement of God's Son.
 - 2. The husband-wife relationship takes precedence over all other human relationships.
- B. “*...and be joined to his wife...*”
 - 1. *Matthew 19:6* contains helpful commentary on the part of Jesus.
 - 2. Marriage is not just a human undertaking, but a divine action as well.
- C. “*...and they shall become one flesh.*”
 - 1. Involves the physical relationship rightfully existing within marriage (*Genesis 2:25*).
 - 2. But not limited just to the physical contact of a husband and wife (*Genesis 2:18*).

II. Biblical Quotations Building On The Foundation Of *Genesis 2:24*

- A. *Malachi 2:11-16* – the sad state of God's people when they ignored God's law.
 - 1. *Deuteronomy 7:3*
 - 2. *Exodus 34:12-16*
- B. *Matthew 19:3-6* – Jesus is asked about the legality of divorce.
 - 1. He goes back to *Genesis 1:27* and *2:24* and emphasizes God's original intention.
 - 2. “*What God has joined together, let not man separate.*”
- C. *Ephesians 5:22-33* – Paul illustrates using the marriage relationship as God intended.

III. The Biblical Concept Of The Bond

- A. Not just two, but **three** parties are involved in a marriage – God, a man, and a woman.
- B. The bond is a covenant with God that joins a husband and wife.
- C. God takes covenants seriously!
 - 1. *Exodus 19:5-6,8*
 - 2. How long does He intend for that bond to last? *Romans 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:39*
- D. Two fundamental principles – God hates divorce. Why? Divorce always involves sin!