

Divorce & Remarriage – In Search of the Standard

Introduction:

- A. A healthy, balanced diet of God's word involves investigating the pleasant and the painful.
- B. Divorce is a sad reality, but a widely-accepted norm within our modern society.
- C. This is not an issue with which we can have our collective heads "stuck in the sand."
- D. *Hebrews 13:4*

I. We are surrounded by **FALSE STANDARDS** when it comes to this difficult subject

- A. Our _____ cannot be the standard of this study.
 - 1. *Jeremiah 10:23*
 - 2. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

- B. A " _____ " cannot be our standard.

- C. Our _____ cannot be the standard of our study (*Galatians 1:10*).

- D. _____ cannot be the standard.
 - 1. *Matthew 10:32-38*
 - 2. *Luke 14:25-26*
 - 3. *Proverbs 23:23*

- E. Our _____ and _____ cannot be our standard.
 - 1. There are times when, from our viewpoint, God's will may not make much sense.
 - a. *Joshua 7* – when God allowed 36 men to die because of one man's sin.
 - b. *2 Samuel 12* – when God caused the death of a child.
 - c. *Genesis 22* – when God commanded Abraham to offer up his own son
 - 2. *Isaiah 55:8-9*
 - 3. Faith leads us to obey even when we cannot see why or how.
 - a. *2 Kings 5* – Naaman and his healing of leprosy by Elisha.
 - b. *Joshua 6* – how the Israelites conquered Jericho.
 - c. *John 9* – Jesus using clay and telling a man to wash it off to cure blindness.

II. There must be some **OBJECTIVE STANDARD!**

- A. *1 Peter 4:11*

- B. If we have true faith, we will accept what the Bible teaches because the Lord said it.