

Marriage / Divorce / Remarriage

Mark 10:1-12

Lesson #38

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Genesis 2:24 *“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”*

I Peter 5:8 *“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls*

I. Jesus was confronted about divorce by the Pharisees.

A. Jesus & His disciples travelled to Perea.

Mark 10:1 *“Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again, crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.”*

B. Jesus was tested by a tough question from the Pharisees.

Mark 10:2 *“Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”*

Matthew 19:3 *“Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason.”*

II. Jesus clarified God’s plan for marriage and divorce.

A. Jesus talked about divorce.

Mark 10:3 *“What did Moses command you?” He replied.*

Mark 10:4 *“They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”*

Deuteronomy 24:1 *“If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house.”*

Mark 10:5 "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied."

B. Jesus taught about marriage.

1. God involves a man and a woman in His plan for marriage.

Mark 10:6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

Mark 10:7 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,"

Mark 10:8 "And the two will become one flesh."^{cj} So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

2. God instituted marriage and made it possible.

Mark 10:9a "Therefore what God has joined together,"

3. God intended for marriage to be permanent.

Mark 10:9b "... let no one separate."

III. Jesus cautioned his disciples about divorce & remarriage.

A. We are not to divorce for any and every reason.

Mark 10:10 "When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this."

Mark 10:11 "He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her."

Mark 10:12 "And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

B. We can divorce for two reasons.

Matthew 5:32 "But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."

Matthew 19:9 "I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

I Corinthians 7:15 "But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances. God has called us to live in peace."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Show gratitude to the Lord for your spouse.

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song."

Psalm 107:8 "Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men."

B. Seek Godly counsel if your marriage is struggling.

Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of the mockers."

Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."

C. Stop judging those who have experienced the pain of divorce.

Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. ^[2] For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

D. Sexual activity outside of the boundaries of marriage is sin.

Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."