

8. Does Jesus take issue with what the people believed?
9. What was the commonly accepted view of Jesus' day about divorce?
10. How did that view come about?
11. Had God presented this view anywhere in Hebrew Scripture?
12. The Pharisees twisted what Old Testament passage to say that Moses commanded divorce?
13. Divorce was not commanded in the Old Testament, but it was permitted in cases of what?
14. Who did God **never** punish when there was adultery in a marriage?
15. Jesus affirmed what God has said in His law and that was the fact that the basis for divorce and re-marriage is what?
16. Who is doing the divorcing in Jeremiah 3:6-8?
17. According to Malachi 2:16, what does God hate?
18. In what way do we need to be careful in our thinking, when we see how God views divorce?
19. Those who teach no divorce, no re-marriage under any circumstances, have to say what?
20. Were Mary and Joseph legally married in Matthew 1:18-19?
21. When Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant, he concluded what concerning Mary?
22. As a righteous man, Joseph had no intention of doing what in relation to Mary?
23. Would it have been wrong for Joseph to divorce Mary if, in fact, Mary had been unfaithful to Joseph?
24. What could we expect from the angel, in response to Joseph, if the biblical position were no divorce regardless?
25. What is the Greek term that Jesus used in verse 32 for sexual immorality?
26. How is that term different than the technical word for adultery?
27. If the term, "porneia" doesn't encompass adultery then you would have to say what about all 23,000 Israelites whom God killed?
28. If you divorce and remarry for reasons such as, "My needs aren't being met," or "We can't get along," or "I found someone more attractive," then Jesus says you are proliferating what?
29. In I Corinthians 7:27, Paul uses wording that tells us that the person spoken of was formerly what?
30. What, as presented by Paul, is the other legitimate basis for a person to be freed to remarry?
31. Why does Paul tell those who were divorced prior to become a Christian, to "...not seek a wife...?"
32. If someone divorces his or her spouse without biblical basis, then the only option is to do what?

33. God, as the author of marriage, intended it to be what?

34. If you are married, what should you do with your marriage? Do you?

FOR GOOD READING ON THIS ISSUE: “Sacred Marriage,” by Gary Thomas; “Strengthening Your Marriage,” by Wayne Mack; “Your Family God’s Way,” by Wayne Mack, and “Peacemaking For Families,” by Ken Sande. (Available in the Main Office, Resource Center)

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:37**
- 2) What is Jesus talking about in verses 33-37?**
- 3) If you break an oath or a vow, what are you really doing?**
- 4) Is there some commitment in your life that you made that you have not been faithful to fulfill? What does God want you to do in that situation?**

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DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Matthew 5:31-32

(Series#28)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Divorce and Remarriage.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are some of the responses to a talk about divorce and remarriage?
2. What is something we “can’t” do when it comes to the issue of divorce and remarriage?
3. What is the first typical response from believers about divorce?
4. What is the other response by Christians?
5. In place of inaccurate rabbinical understanding, Jesus explained and affirmed the true meaning of what?
6. Rather than altering or modifying God’s law, Jesus was simply doing what in relation to it?
7. The rabbis and spiritual leaders of Jesus’ day had cluttered the law of God with what?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**