

JESUS TEACHING CONCERNING DIVORCE MATT 19:1-12 11/14/18

V1 WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED THESE WORDS CONCERNING FORGIVENESS HE DEPARTED FROM GALILEE AND CAME INTO THE REGION OF JUDEA BEYOND THE JORDON AND A GREAT MULTITUDE FOLLOWED HIM AND HE HEALED THEM THERE

AS JESUS HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED TO THE TWELVE IT WAS NECESSARY THAT HE GO TO JERUSALEM AND SUFFER MANY THINGS FROM THE ELDERS THE CHIEF PRIEST AND SCRIBES AND BE KILLED AND BE RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY MATT 16:21

V2 AND AS JESUS PREACHED AND TAUGHT GREAT MULTITUDES FOLLOWED HIM AND HE HEALED THEM THERE DEMONSTRATING HIS POWER AND HIS COMPASSION REVEALING HIS DIVINE MESSIANIC CREDENTIALS

V3 SOME PHARISEES CAME TO JESUS TESTING HIM AND SAYING IS IT LAWFUL FOR A MAN TO DIVORCE HIS WIFE FOR ANY CAUSE AT ALL THEY DESPISED JESUS BECAUSE HE UNDERMINED THEIR FALSE TEACHING AND EXPOSED THEIR DECEITFUL LIVING

THEY WANTED TO DISCREDIT HIM IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE SO THAT HE WOULD LOSE HIS POPULARITY AND IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM TO DESTROY HIM THEY WANTED TO PLACE HIM AT ODDS WITH MOSES THE LAW GIVER

V4-5 JESUS ANSWER HAVE YOU NOT READ THE BOOK OF GENESIS THAT HE CREATED THEM FROM THE BEGINNING HE MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE AND SAID FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH JESUS IS QUOTING GENESIS 1:27 AND 2:24

DIVORCE WAS NEVER IN GOD'S PLAN DIVORCE IS THE WORK OF MAN NOT GOD HE CREATED ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE WAS NOT AN OPTION SIN HAD NOT YET ENTERED THE WORLD

ADAM AND EVE HAD NO MOTHER AND FATHER THIS WAS MEANT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WHEN A MAN AND WOMAN ARE JOINED IN MARRIAGE THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE IN GOD'S EYES WHEN THEY HAVE A CHILD HE OR SHE CARRIES THE COMBINED TRAITS OF BOTH PARENTS

V6 SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE FLESH THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER LET NO MAN SEPARATE GOD DESIGNED MAN AND WOMAN TO COMPLEMENT SUPPORT AND GIVE JOY TO EACH OTHER THROUGH THE MUTUAL COMMITMENT OF THE MARRIAGE BOND

AT BEST DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE IS PERMITTED BY THE LORD BUT NEVER COMMENDED AND CERTAINLY NEVER COMMANDED IT IN THE OLD COVENANT ADULTERY COULD BRING THE END OF A MARRIAGE BY EXECUTION NOT DIVORCE

V7 THEY SAY TO HIM WHY DID MOSES COMMAND TO GIVE HERE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND HER AWAY DEUTERONOMY 24:1-4 BUT THAT PASSAGE CLEARLY DOES NOT COMMAND DIVORCE IT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGES IT

V8 JESUS SAID TO THEM BECAUSE OF YOUR HARDNESS OF HEART MOSES PERMITTED YOU TO DIVORCE YOUR WIVES BUT FROM THE BEGINNING IT HAS NOT BEEN THIS WAY DIVORCE WAS NEVER IN GOD'S ORIGINAL IDEAL DESIGN FOR MANKIND AND WILL NEVER BE

V9 WHEN A MAN OBTAINS A DIVORCE FOR ANY REASON EXCEPT FOR IMMORALITY AND MARRIES ANOTHER WOMAN HE COMMITS ADULTERY WHAT JESUS IS SAYING IS THAT DIVORCE THAT DOES NOT RESULT FROM ADULTERY RESULTS IN ADULTERY IF THERE IS REMARRIAGE WHICH IS PERMISSIBLE WHEN A SPOUSE DIES ROM 7:2-3

DIVORCE IS NOT AN UNPARDONABLE SIN 1COR6:9-11 SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU BUT YOU WERE WASHED BUT YOU WERE SANCTIFIED BUT YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD

THE LORD IS GRACIOUS TO THE SINNING SPOUSE BY TOLERATING DIVORCE HOPING THEY COME TO REPENTANCE INSTEAD OF REQUIRING EXECUTION HE WILL CERTAINLY ALSO BE GRACIOUS TO THE INNOCENT SPOUSE ALLOWING THEM TO REMARRY WITHOUT COMMITTING ADULTERY

1PETER 3:7 MARRIAGE IS CALLED THE GRACE OF LIFE MARRIAGE WAS GOD'S IDEA FOR OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY IN MARRIAGE WE ARE TO FIRST MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GOD AND THEN TO EACH OTHER

LOVE IS A COMMITMENT LOVE NEVER FAILS MARRIAGE IS TO BE A PICTURE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH EPH 5:31-33