

# Marriage: Its permanency

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### INTRODUCTION:

#### A. The lessons from this series:

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#### B. Review of previous lesson, [591\\_Marriage: Its purpose](#)

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#### C. The reason why there is so much divorce in our society

1. One of the reasons of why there are so many divorces it is because we are convincing our young of the permanency of marriage. The necessity is always present to teach our families and the young in the congregation.

#### D. The objective of this sermon:

1. According to the word of God marriage is permanent
2. The consequences of this principle
3. Married "in happiness and adversity"

### I. MARRIAGE IS PERMANENT

#### A. See [Genesis 2:24](#)

1. "For this cause...and shall cleave to his wife." Notice the word "cleave" in the NASV 77, comes from the Hebrew word **dabaq** = is, *cling*, *adhere* or to fast together.
2. "They shall become one flesh". It is a union that is inseparable, or unbreakable. This is the conclusion Jesus told to the Pharisees.

#### B. [Matthew 19:3-6](#)

1. Jesus cited this verse and concluded, "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate" – (**Matt. 19:6**).
- C. Romans 7:2**
1. "For the married woman **is bound** by law to her husband **while he is living**; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband."
- D. 1 Corinthians 7:39**
1. "A wife **is bound** as **long as her husband lives**; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord."
- E. Is it impossible to separate this union?**
1. Man has the capacity to separate but he does NOT have the authority or the permission to do so!
  2. "Married woman is bound by law to her husband" (**Romans 7:2**), even though she might unite with another man (**Romans 7:3**).
  3. Herod, Herodias and Philip (**Mark 6:17-18**). Separated what God had joined together, but it is NOT lawful!
  4. The Samaritan woman (**John 4:16-18**) what Jesus says to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands (according to man), and the one whom you now have is not your husband (according to the law of God)."

## **II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PRINCIPLE**

### **A. Divorce is sin, why?**

1. Because God hates divorce (**Malachi 2:13-16**)
2. Two reasons why divorce is a sin:
  - a. God said it is a sin (**Mark 10:9**)
  - b. Cause the husband/wife to commit adultery (**Matt. 5:32; Luke 17:1-2**, "stumbling blocks")
  - c. It is not to fulfill their promise (**Malachi 2:14; Romans 1:31** (untrustworthy, covenant breakers – KJV, ASV); **Revelation 21:8**).

### **B. Re-marriage is adultery**

1. It is adultery for:
  - a. The person who divorces his spouse (**Mark 10:11-12**), can be either the woman or the man.
  - b. The divorced person (**Matt. 5:32**), when is it adultery? When he or she re-marries
  - c. The person who marries the divorcee (**Luke 16:18**)
  - d. If all re-marry then four persons will have committed sin.
2. The Biblical options left for the person who has divorced his/her marriage partner (**1 Cor. 7:10-11**).
  - a. Explain the circumstance in **1 Cor. 7:10-11**
  - b. If she leaves him she should, "let her remain unmarried"
  - c. Or "be reconciled to her husband" To reconciled with your spouse
3. It will not permit the person to inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Cor. 6:9-10**)

### **C. Repentance means separation (Mark 6:18)**

### **D. Two exceptions for re-marriage**

1. Death (**Romans 7:2-3**)
2. The person, who divorces, puts away his/her marriage partner because of fornication (**Matt. 19:9**).

## **III. MARRIED COUPLE "FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE"**

**A. Marriage vows, the bride and the bridegroom promise to love each other for "better or for worse". Even though these words do not come from the word of God they do express what the Bible teaches.**

### **B. What adversity "for worse" can include:**

1. Illness, disability, paralysis, etc.
2. An economic calamity

3. Irreconcilable (incompatible) differences – intellectual, sexual and physiological
  4. Inconsiderate, bad manners – language, drunkenness, complaints
  5. You do not have to get marry, nobody does it is a choice, and when we do this is what we are saying in our vows, “for better or for worse”
- C. Divorce is NOT an option for a solution to these problems.**
- D. A promise is a promise**
1. I made a promise to (wife’s name), to my wife and God! For those who are married you also have made a promise, am I a man of confidence? What about you? Do I fulfill promises that I made, what about you? (**Psalm 15:1, 4**)
- E. Divorce because lack of love?**
1. “There is no love in our marriage; the love for my wife (husband) has been extinguished!”
  2. Solution: repent!
    - a. Repent from hypocrisy
    - b. Repent from not loving like God has commanded (**Ephesians 5:25** for the man, **Titus 2:4** for the woman).
  3. Love is not just a feeling; it is a **DECISION** to seek what is best for the other person (**1 Cor. 13:5**, “it does not seek its own”)
  4. Could I love someone who does not love me? (**Matt. 5:44; John 3:16**)
  5. What love means in a marriage partner (see point III. B.)

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Marriage is permanent only for this life (Matt. 22:29-30)**
- B. No unlawful marriage or even a Biblical marriage should stop me from entering into heaven. What really matters is to reach our celestial home (John 5:29).**

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