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CHRIST'S TEACHINGS ON DIVORCE #1

Matthew 19:3-9

- INT: Home is God's foundation for human society, happiness. 800% increase in divorce since 1860 threatens society. One million new sufferers with annual 300,000 divorces. Everyone suffers in divorce as sin hurts all. Prov. 14:34 Study: God's law. Discourage divorce. Avoid suffering.
- I. DIVORCE WAS NOT IN GOD'S PLANS IN THE BEGINNING. G. 2:21-24
 A. Word divorce or its equivalent found in Bible little.
1. Design: Careful selection, 18000.c.
- II. FIRST DIVORCES CAME DURING MOSES' TIME. Deut. 24:1-4.
 A. A wandering infant-people whose massive resistance caused God to tolerate divorce then. Acts 17:30.
- III. FOUR NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES OMIT ANY CAUSES FOR DIVORCE.
 A. Mark 10:2-12. Pharisees tempted Him.
 B. Luke 16:18 . No exception noted.
 C. Romans 7:1-4. Subject to husband as long as lives.
 D. I Cor. 7:10-11 & 39. Only cause is death of mate.
- IV. CHRIST MENTIONS ONE EXCEPTION ON TWO OCCASIONS.
 A. Matt. 5:31-32. Unfaithfulness the only cause.
 B. Matt. 19:3-9.. Guilty party not free to remarry.
 1. If could, easy out. One commit adultery, get divorce, both remarry, get forgiveness; all fine!
- V. CAN A WOMAN SEPARATE FROM AN UNWORTHY MATE? (Not adultery)
 A. Yes, but must remain unmarried. I Cor. 7:10-11.
 B. What if unbeliever leaves believer? 12-16. Then 10-11.
- VI. WILL OBEDIENCE TO GOSPEL MAKE MARRIAGE OF ADULTRY?
 A. Mr. A not a Christian. Marries, divorces M. again!
 B. Mrs. B not a Christian. Marries, divorces M. again!
 1. Conclusion: Living in adultery. Lost in sin 2 ways.
 C. Mr. A and Mrs B in adultery. Learn truth. Want to obey
 1. Question: Will obedience remove past sins? Yes.
 2. Question: Did obedience change relationship? No.
 3. Statement: If live together still sinning: adultery.
 4. Statement: If separate, free of adultery. Saved!
 5. Question: What about children? Not of marriage.
 Ill. What did Ezra say do: Ezra 10:10-14.
- VII. CONCLUSION: Best remedy is happy Christian marriage.
- INV: Greatest assurance of happy life, home, marriage etc: is Obey the gospel leading to the good life?
 B-R-C-B If disobeyed then R-P.