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Marriage, Divorce, And Remarriage

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MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE I John 5:3. (1)

INT: SUMMUM BONUM of Life: Matt. 22:37 → Matt. 6:33 ↑
 Means: The highest good! More excellent way.
 All want it!!! How many willing to pay the price?

LESSON: A request sermon. Today's most sensitive!

PURPOSE: Spare our youth heartaches & misery!!!

BELIEVE: Those having no marriage problem want it

Those having a marriage problem want it

All united: in wanting best for youth

I. GOD'S SUFFICIENT TRUTH CONTAINED IN MATT. 19:3-10.

JESUS: Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage!!! **Tape!!**

A. *Matt. 19:3-10. Clear, plain and positive!

B. V. 3. LAWFUL? Divorce for EVERY cause?

God's law on divorce grossly perverted AD 33!

Women divorced for EVERY flimsy cause then!!!!

Hillel: permitted ANY displeasure as cause.

Jl Jesephus: not pleased with wife's manners!!

C. Vs. 4. The BEGINNING: God's original design.

God started human race the way He wanted it.

D. Vs. 5. Cause: MARRIAGE. New family formed.

* Heb. 13:4. Marriage BEFORE sex! Repeat!!

Quote: Des Moines Register, Apr. 25, 1975.

Good: "The institution of marriage is alive, well and thriving in the U. S." U. of Mich. prof:

"We find that married Americans are far happier and more satisfied with their lives than singles, in spite of national mumblings and grumblings about the tired institution of matrimony." Dr. Angus Campbell.

"Women are found to be as happy as men, contrary to some expectations. Americans of both sexes seem to be contented in spite of their various problems." Quote: Philip Convera and William Rogers, colleagues of Campbell.

"Fewer than 10% described their lives in sour terms, such as boring, miserable, lonely, empty or useless." 90% reasonably happy!!!!

COMMENT: God's Way will Always be Man's Best Way!!

(This is an "Amen" statement. Men, speak up!)

E. Vs. 6. ORIGINAL LAW: Unity forever!

Man shall not break up God's united couple!!!!

F. Vs. 7. Then---why MOSES break this law in permitting divorces in His day??? Deut. 24:1-4

* Malachi 2:15b-17. God hates divorces. Unclean

1451 B.C.

G. Vs. 8. An EXCEPTION permitted because the Jews were HARD. Uneducated. Uncultured. God chose to SUFFER-PERMIT the lesser of the evils. A firm enforcement in Moses day:

Produce!

- 1. Men reject marriage. Live illicit sex lives OR *nat. disaster!*
- 2. Finding wives unfavorable, MURDER them to secure freedom. *(Secret homicide?)*

CONCLUSION: To protect wives God Permitted Div

Vs. 8b. Beginning: not so!! Sets tone!

H. *Vs. 9. "AND I SAY UNTO YOU.." Matt. 28:18. NOW

- 1. Man puts wife away FOR CAUSE of fornication and marrys another does not commit sin.
- 2. Man puts wife away FOR ANY OTHER CAUSE and marrys another DOES COMMIT SIN.
- 3. INNOCENT PARTY: has the CAUSE which permits divorce and remarriage---AFTER--forgiveness and attempts at saving the home have failed Dealing: not with an ACT, but a CONDITJ ON
- 4. GUILTY PARTY: has NO CAUSE for divorce and therefore is NOT FREE to remarry. Penalty for fornication or adultry is perpetual celibacy--IF WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN Otherwise, there is NO penalty. *Law is strict!!*

G. Vs. 10. Apostles GOT THIS MESSAGE!!! *strict!!*

- 1. Conclusion: If law so tight, BETTER not to marry at all. NOT JESUS CONCLUSION.
- 2. HIS CONCLUSION: involves 3 wise rules.
 - a. Take TIME to prepare *date - Engagement!* for a lifetime role
 - b. Be sure of your MATE selection. (as sure as caution and much prayer can make it.)
 - c. REMEMBER, thick or thin, your VOWS:
Forever, all life, Till death do par t.

CONCLUSION: PURPOSE of marriage is man's happiness. God's laws guide best. To be happy, man MUST know & pay attention to God's truths about M., D. & Re-Marr

INV: God's truth about sal. of the soul. Mk. 16:15-16. truth about falling from Grace. Acts 8:22.

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