

Marriage and Family

Lesson 3

Marriage Divorce and Remarriage

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1. Submission to God foundation of the family
2. God created designed and governs marriage
3. Marriage divorce and remarriage
4. Husbands
5. Wives
6. Parents
7. Children
8. Preparing for marriage
9. Living single
10. Some principles that guide the unrighteous family
11. Some principles that guide the righteous family

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God Created Designed and Governs Marriage

1. God created man and woman
2. God created marriage to join one man to one woman
3. God intends marriage to last until death
4. Divine purposes of marriage
 - A. Love and be loved
 - B. Man's companionship
 - C. Satisfaction of sexual desires
 - D. Continuation of humanity

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Introduction

- Contrary to God's Word, divorce and remarriage are common today
- Marriage has become a joke and divorce is looked on by many as a mere convenience so one can move on to the next relationship without any concern
- Since God created humanity and marriage, He is the only one that has the right to command concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage

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God Intends Marriage To Last Until Death

- God, from the beginning until now, intends for all lawful (in His sight) marriages to continue until death
- Each lawful marriage is more than just a legal agreement between a man and a woman
- When a lawful (in His sight) marriage occurs, God witnesses the marriage covenant and joins the two together, bound by His marriage law until death

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- This becomes important because no matter what a man or woman may try to do, this divinely authorized marriage bond can only be truly ended by God

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Pro 2:16 To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who flatters with her words;

Pro 2:17 That leaves the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;

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God Hates Divorce

- Divorce is common today as it was in ancient Rome
- Man's attitude is, "If it does not work out, we can just get a divorce."
- God reveals His hatred of divorce and gives consequences that if ignored can cause us and others to be lost
- All divorces involve sin either by one or both spouses

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Mal 2:16 "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

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Who Does Not Have The Right To Remarry According To God's Word?

- As with all subjects, I encourage all to humbly and honestly search the Scriptures to see whether these things are so
- At times, as is the case now, I have had to adjust my teaching due to further study
- But on this or any other topic, I admit I can be wrong on one or more points
- I never want to forbid what God permits or to permit what God forbids

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A Plea To Search The Scriptures For Truth

Act 17:11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

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Four Key Questions About Marriage Divorce and Remarriage

1. Were you joined to another by God in a lawful marriage, bound together until death?
2. How did your original lawful marriage end?
3. Is your original lawful mate still living?
4. Has God given you and the one you want to marry the right to marry?

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One Who Divorced Their Lawful Mate For Other Reasons Than Fornication

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Mar 10:12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

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1Co 7:12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

1Co 7:13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

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1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

1Co 7:15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

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- Bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 is a different word than bound in 1 Cor. 7:39 and Rom. 7:2
- Word bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 refers to enslavement and not marriage bond
- Not under bondage means never has been under enslavement
- Therefore bondage cannot refer to marriage in 1 Cor. 7:15
- Matthew 19:9 applies to all people

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- I do not pretend to have all the answers on this difficult study
- But, I believe it is essential for us to always go back to the significance of the first marriage where God joins two together for life
- Usually we start where people are now, sometimes in an unlawful adulterous marriage where emotion often blinds us to clearly seeing God's Word

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- All restrictions regarding divorce and remarriage relate to the sinful separating of the lawful marriage before the death of those joined by God
- Witnessing the original marriage covenant, God creates a bond, obligating the two for life to His marriage law
- Therefore, all restrictions are in force until the death of the original lawful mate occurs

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One Whose Lawful Mate Has Died

- When two remain lawfully married and one mate dies, then the living mate has the right to marry anyone who can lawfully (in God's sight) marry
- I also believe those who are restricted from remarrying can remarry upon the death of their lawful spouse
- They must repent of and end any unlawful marriage where they are married to someone who has no right to marry

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Repent of All Unlawful Marriages That Result In Continuing Adultery

Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Col 3:6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

Col 3:7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

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Marriage That Has The Right To Marry

- It is possible for someone who God has given the right to marry marries someone who is not free to marry
- They marry someone who is still obligated to God's marriage law because they have a living lawful mate who they did not divorce for fornication
- Therefore, in these marriages, God does not join the two together in a lawful (in His sight) marriage

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- There is much controversy on this question and I hope and pray I am giving the proper answer but will continue to study more
- Unlike I have taught previously, I believe in order to understand the right of the person who enters an unlawful marriage in which God does not join them together, we must go back to the principle, what God has joined together, let no man separate

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One Who Ends An Unbound Unlawful
Marriage That Has The Right To Marry

- Those in unlawful marriages must repent and end them
- The one bound by God's marriage law while their lawful mate lives cannot remarry
- Because God never joined them together in the unlawful marriage, the one who has the right to marry may marry anyone who also has the right to marry

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Mar 6:17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

Mar 6:18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

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1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

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1Co 6:11 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.

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One Who Ends An Unbound Unlawful Marriage That Has The Right To Marry

Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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1. One whose lawful mate has died
2. The innocent lawful mate who divorced their lawful mate for fornication
3. If no remarriage occurred husband and wife may remarry one another after unlawful divorce
4. One who ends an unbound unlawful marriage that has the right to marry

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