

Sermon on the Mount

Review:

- I. Blessings of Kingdom Citizen (5:1-12)
- II. Illustrations of Kingdom Citizens (5:13-16).
- III. The Law of Kingdom Citizens (7:17-20).
 - A. The King's Relationship to the Law (vv. 17-18).
 - B. The Citizen's Relationship to the Law (vv. 19-20).
 - C. The Kingdom's Surpassing Laws (vv. 21-48).
 1. Example: Prohibition of Sinful Anger, Not Just Murder.
 - a) Anger Outburst Forbidden (21-22)
 - b) Reconciliation Encouraged (23-25)
 2. Example: Prohibition of lust and not just adultery (27-30)
 3. Example: Prohibition of Divorce (31-32).
 4. Example: Prohibition of Vows (33-36)

Sunday, December 6th

New Kingdom Commands:

Don't Break Marriages or Promises

Matthew 5:31–37

³¹“It was said, ‘Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce’; ³²but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity,

makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ ³⁴“But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶“Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷“But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.

I. Prohibition of Divorce (vv. 31-32).

A. The External Law (v. 31).

1. OT Text (Deuteronomy 24:1)

2. Rabbinical Applications:

- School of Shammai
- School of Hillel

B. The Internal Heart Law (v. 32).

1. The Equation: Divorce = Adultery

2. The Exception - Pornaia.

What is the exception?

What is our attitude toward the exception clause?

What is God's attitude toward the exception clause and divorce (Malachi 2:16)?

Four Views:

1. No Divorce No Remarriage.
2. Divorce and but No Remarriage.
3. Divorce and Remarriage for Adultery and Desertion.
4. Divorce and Remarriage for a Variety of Circumstances.

II. Prohibition of Vows (vv. 33-37)

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- A. The Old Testament Prohibition (v. 33).
- B. The Traditional Stretching (vv. 34-36).
- C. The Internal, New Kingdom Application (vv. 37).