

The Gospel of Matthew
"Jesus' Authoritative Teaching on Marriage"
Matthew 19:1-12 Part 83

I. The _____ over Marriage. v.3

- A. The Pharisees seek to _____ Jesus with a controversial question.
- B. The historical context for this question. Cf. Deut.24:1-4
1. The school of Shammai. (more strict)
 2. The school of Hillel. (more lenient)

II. The Design of Marriage. vv.4-6a

- A. Jesus begins with the Designer and the _____ for all marriage. v.4 Cf. Gen.1:27
- B. The blueprint for marriage. v.5 Cf. Gen.2:24
1. The "_____ and _____" principle.
Marriage is to be _____. v.6

The Pharisees were asking the wrong question. Rather than asking what are the loop-holes for getting out of marriage, they should have been asking what are the ways we can work to preserve and nurture marriage.

Marriage is a _____ of _____. Cf. Prov. 2:14; Mal.2:14

2. The 'one flesh' principle.

The equation for marriage: $1 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

The _____ and _____ of marriage.

"To become one flesh means to become one person. The marriage union is the closest most intimate of all human relationships. Two person may begin think, act and feel as one. They are so able to interpenetrate one another's lives that they become one, a functioning unit. God's revealed goal in their relationship is to become one in all areas of their relationship, intellectually, emotionally, and physically." Jay Adams

III. The Dangers Related to Marriage. vv.7b

1. Unbiblical divorce. vv.7-9
2. Same gender unions. cf. Rom.1:22f.

"If male and female is of the essence of marriage, then same gender marriage is not so much a redefinition of marriage it is a negation of marriage. A society that tries to unravel marriage unravels itself. It strikes at the very foundation of a society." Pastor David Whitla

How then should we live?

1. We must earnestly strive to maintain the _____ of marriage. cf. Heb.13:4
"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." Heb.13:4 (ESV)
2. In our marriages we need to seek to _____ Gen.2:24 and Eph.5:22-33.
3. Marriage is to be _____ not avoided. It is part of the Creation ordinance. Cf. Gen.1:28
4. In a day of moral confusion we must, like Jesus, not be _____ to stand firm. Cf. 1 Pet.3:15