

- A. Often, when discussing moral/ethical issues, we ask the wrong question.
- B. Today, regarding the subject of divorce, we aim to ask the right question.

God's Will Regarding Divorce

I. Prohibited From the Beginning.

A. Jesus expresses God's will regarding divorce simply: "from the beginning it was not so."

B. If this was God's will from the beginning, what about the law of Moses?

II. Promoting Life-Long Marriages.

A. God's will regarding divorce is positive in its purpose: to promote life-long marriages.

B. This promotion of life long marriage also serves as the basis for Jesus' words in the text, denouncing the remarriage of divorced persons as adultery.

III. Providing One Exception.

A. God states one exception to His will regarding divorce: "except for fornication."

B. This exception regards the reason for divorce only, and does not permit those who are divorced because of fornication to remarry.

C. What does all of this mean for us?