The Covenant Provision

Jesus The Christ - (# 8)

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TEXT: Matthew 19:1-9
KEY VERSE: Matthew 19:6

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When looking at marriage, we should have a picture of what God intended for our covenant. In doing so, may we strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

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Genesis 2:24

The Covenant Provision includes relationship, fellowship, and commitment.

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In marriage, when people focus more on the covenant and less on circumstances, their relationships are better, and their families are healthier.

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Ephesians 4:31-32

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (Ephesians 5:25)

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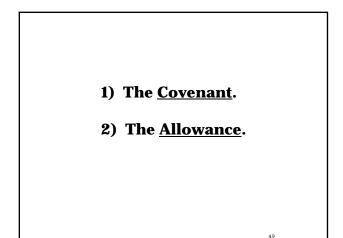
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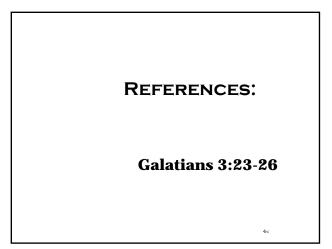
He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. (Matthew 19:8)

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The apostle Paul regarded the law of Moses as a significant foundation on which to build moral and spiritual principles. It was the primary "schoolmaster" that led to a higher education of faith in Christ Jesus.



Paul taught that the Old Testament teachings regarding morals and social proprieties are important but not more important than the new law of grace.

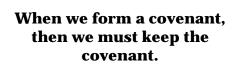
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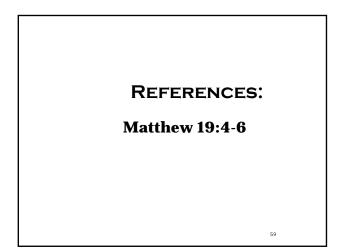
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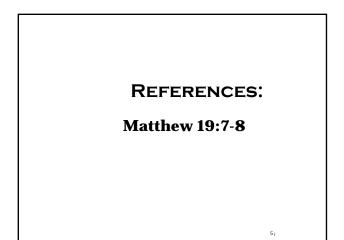
And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (Matthew 19:9) The Pharisees were concerned more about the "letter of the law" than the ones to whom the law was given. When they tempted Jesus with their clever questions designed to incriminate Him, they were not prepared for Jesus' profound reply. He responded with a question about their knowledge of the Word:

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Jesus' position was clear. Marriage meant the severing of ties to one's parents in order to form a new family unit with one's spouse. Jesus declared that the marriage relationship was so special that the man and the woman lost their individual identity ("no more twain, but one flesh").



Jesus clearly taught that divorce was not the proper action for His people. He sought to restore marriage from a contractual relationship to a lifelong loving commitment.

For this reason He urged monogamy and the putting away of sexual affairs among married people.

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God has called us to be a people of holiness and purity in every area of our lives. When we live the way God wants us to live, then we are witnesses for His glory and kingdom.

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Marriage is a covenant, not a convenience. God desires that a husband and his wife work together to keep their marriage vows and the sanctity of their marriage intact for the duration of their lives. This is the covenant provision.

The covenant provides power to keep the covenant.

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