

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 7-30-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 4
Marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We walked through the first 9 verses of Matthew 19 last week.
- 2) Some things to remember:
 - a) General rule – don't divorce. Exception clause – divorce permitted not commanded.
 - b) Jesus asked them if they had read what He had written. Genesis 2:24.
- 3) They asked why Moses permitted divorce.
 - a) Jesus told them, because of the "hardness of your hearts."
 - b) Marriage principle – guard your heart from becoming hardened.
- 4) The exception clause – divorce is permitted for "fornication." Verse 9

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We stopped last week before we could understand the difference in some of the words that Jesus used.

2. Jesus was specific here. Verse 9

a. Notice how Jesus structured His words here.

- 1) The sin of "fornication" is grounds to permit a biblical divorce.
- 2) Can a couple be restored if this happens in their marriage?
 - a) Forgiveness – is not about earning, deserving, repayment or getting even. It is about Grace. Grace received and Grace released.

b. The words Jesus used here:

- 1) "fornication" – "porneia" – can mean fornication or sexual sin.
- 2) Should Matthew have included this here?
- 3) Some suggest including it here weakens the marriage commitment.
 - a) Couldn't it have the opposite effect?

c. Why did Jesus use two different words in this verse?

- 1) Fornication – "porneia" – fornication or sexual sin.
- 2) Adultery – "moichao" – unlawful act of being intimate with another person's spouse.
- 3) The distinction:
 - a) "porneia" – more general in its use.
 - b) "moichao" – more specific in its use.

d. What about remarriage?

- 1) If you have someone who is divorced because of sexual sin, they are free to remarry. Permitted but not commanded.

e. Let us come back to God's desire and design.

- 1) If "fornication" takes place in a marriage. What can they do?

3. Jesus accomplished the goal we spoke about for the Church. Matthew 19:10-12

a. Look closely at the disciple's response. Verse 10

- 1) The disciple's now ask a question.
- 2) We talked about the two different effects the exception clause could have.

- a) I believe it can have a positive effect.
- b) What effect did it have on the disciples?
- 3) Which of the disciples are married?
- a) Matthew 8:14-15 –

4. Jesus speaks about singleness. Matthew 19:11-12

- a. Verse 11 –
 - 1) “All men cannot receive this saying” – Who is his audience here?
 - a) “men” used generally in this statement to speak of all.
 - 2) Two ideas emerge here as to what Jesus meant by this statement.
- b. Verse 12 –
 - 1) Key term here is “eunuch.”
 - 2) Three statements:
 - a) “For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother’s womb.”
 - b) “and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men.”
 - c) “which have made themselves eunuch for the kingdom of heaven’s sake.”
 - 3) I Corinthians 7:32-35 –
 - a) Be wise in how you interpret this.
- c. Let us balance this out with something that God said.
 - 1) Genesis 2:18 –
 - a) As you progress through the Bible you see –
 - 2) When you arrive at Matthew 19:11-12 –
 - a) You could say that God has gifted, enabled some to lead a single life.
 - b) Singleness can be of the Lord.

5. Tonight’s Take Away:

- a. What do we see here?
- b. Do you see God’s grace?
- c. Do you understand God’s desire when trouble strikes.
- d. Singleness.