



MATTHEW 19:7-9
MESSIAH ON A MISSION
(PART 39)

“Divorce: When
Covenant is Broken”

THE STRUCTURE OF THE DIVORCE DEBATE

- (19:1-2) The Context
- (19:3) A Question To Tempt Him
- (19:4-6) Jesus Transcends Debate
- (19:7) A Second Question To Trap Him
- (19:8-9) Jesus Answers The Debate
- (19:10) The Disciples Test Him
- (19:11-12) Jesus Admits It Isn't Always Easy

SELF-REFERENTIAL LOVE:

God created the world as a place of diversity and beauty through contrast. Opposites attract. It takes both a negative and a positive for a spark, a charge, and a current.

Homosexuality misses out on the electrifying power of true diversity.

Heterosexuality is a God-inspired ideal where marriage principles are the diversity of a man loving his wife as Christ loved the church.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR A LOVING MARRIAGE:

Relationship is an expression of love, and love requires an object. It is not good for man to be alone, for then man's love is self-referential. This sort of love ends up as raw narcissism. We must learn to love in order to learn to live.

"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh."

THREE-FOLD CORD OF MARRIAGE:

Legally: As a legal contract with God and man. Literally a new corpus (corporation).

Sexually: They are made one flesh through sexual, biological consummation of the covenantal union.

Children: God's cause includes the heritage of children. (Psalms 128:1-6)

Marriage is a covenantal union in which God is the presiding officiant. "What God has joined together."

DIVORCE IS AN OUTCOME OF MIS-APPLIED LOVE:

Divorce always has a cause. Divorce is a matter of cause and effect. Every divorce can be traced back to a root cause. A seed of offense is planted and becomes a root of bitterness. The offense grows daily until it becomes a giant tree of thorns that swallows up the garden of the home and casts its bitter fruit in every room and every heart.

God still hates divorce! There is no time that God likes it. It is always a frustration of His purpose and plan for mankind. (Malachi 2:14-17)