

Marriage by the Book
#1 Build on the Right Foundation
Matthew 19:1-12 (2-1-09 AM)

1. The Biblical Teachings on Marriage Are Authoritative (4)

Jesus Upholds the Authority of Scripture

Jesus did not refer to either Jewish school of thought. He did not even go back to Deuteronomy, but back to the Book of Genesis.

- **The Bible is the only _____ marriage manual**

Matthew 7:24-25, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock....."

Cultural Attitudes and Current Civil Laws Are Poor Substitutes for God's

2. The Biblical Account of the Origin of Marriage is Authenticated (4-5)

Jesus Confirms the Creation Account of Genesis

Jesus confirms the origin of the sexes and their individual roles.

- **Marriage is a _____ of God**

Marriage was not man's idea. Marriage is not the result of cultural evolution. It was created by God to meet one of man's deepest needs. Six times God looked at His creation and declared that it was "good". Genesis 2:18, "And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him"."

Marriage Is a Creation not an _____

- **The marriage union is _____ in the eyes of God**

The union is sacred because God creates it. A man and a woman may marry by their own choice but when they do God himself binds them together for life.

Proverbs 2:17, "Who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God."

Marriage Is a _____ not a Contract

A Christian marriage is a covenant between three people: the man, the woman and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. God's Original Design for Marriage Is Reinstated (7-12)

Jesus Restates God's Original Intent

What Moses "permitted" they had turned into a "command". Moses never commanded divorce. In Deuteronomy 24 he commanded a "bill of divorcement" be given to the wife as a protection for her. Jesus reminds them that this was never God's intent "but from the beginning it was not so". God opposed divorce because it weakened the nation as it is weakening our nation.

Malachi 2:16, "For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce". God does not hate divorced people. He hates divorce because it is a violation of His creation and because of the destruction it brings.

- **Marriage is a permanent union broken only by _____ or sexual sin**

Marriage is a physical union. Jesus said that “in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, Matthew 22:30.

Death breaks the bond of marriage. Jesus declares that “sexual immorality” can break it as well. Only death or scriptural divorce can sever the marriage bond. The laws of marriage are non-negotiable. Note how His disciples were infected by the spirit of the age. (10) “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry”. God said that marriage was good; the disciples were saying it was not good.

As Believers We Need To Reaffirm and Recommit Ourselves to the _____ of Marriage

Adrian Rogers once told his wife “Honey if you ever leave me I’m going with you.”

- **A Christian Marriage Is an _____ of Christ and His Church**

Ephesians 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her (32) This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

In the original creation God pierced the side of Adam to create his bride. The side of the Lord Jesus was pierced on the cross as He gave His life for His bride, the church.

Does the Love that I Display for _____ Reflect the Love that Jesus Displays For Me?