Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage

Lesson #3

Review of Lessons 1–2

- Outlined 3 major objectives for this study.
- Gave 3 reasons for why this study is so important.
- Discussed both the wrong way and the right way to settle issues on divorce and remarriage.
- ▶ Read all the **passages** that have the most bearing on the subjects of marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

In lesson #3...

- Our plan is to accomplish objectives 1 and 2.
 - ► To see marriage the way God sees it, which will then help us see divorce the way the God sees it.
 - ► To answer the question Jesus was asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" (Matthew 19:6).

When You Get Married...

- You leave father and mother to cleave (be joined) to your spouse.
- You are making a covenant with each other and with God.
- God joins you together, and so you are now bound to each other.

Conclusion

▶ Be very careful who you choose as a spouse.

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- Neither spouse should even think about getting a divorce.
 - ▶ For all the reasons given earlier.
 - Because God hates divorce.
 - Because divorce itself is sinful unless it is for the cause of fornication.

The Sin of Divorce

- ▶ "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery..." (Matthew 5:32).
- "What God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6).
- "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery..." (Matthew 19:9).
- ► "A wife is not to depart from her husband...and a husband is not to divorce his wife" (1 Corinthians 7:10-11).

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 - Because divorce itself is sinful unless it is for the cause of fornication.
 - ▶ Because divorce often leads to more and more sin.

Sin Leading to More Sin

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- "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Matthew 19:9).

Looking Ahead to Lesson #4

We will attempt to visually illustrate what is taught in the following passages: Matthew 5:31−32; 19:3−9; Mark 10:11−12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:1−4; 1 Corinthians 7:10−15.