

Divorce and Remarriage

Main Passages: Malachi 2:10-16; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:11-12; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Questions:

- What does the Lord desire for marriage? How does the marriage covenant mirror God's covenant with his people? In what ways does that or should that impact our view of divorce and remarriage?
- According to the texts above, what circumstances are given that make divorce or remarriage permissible? In Matthew and Mark, what is Jesus protecting against? How do these passages relate to other situations commonly associated with divorce and/or separation, such as abuse?
- What are our culture's general attitudes toward marriage and divorce? How do we as Christians sometimes follow the wider culture in our view of marriage and divorce?
- How does one reconcile the differences between Matthew 5:31-32/Matthew 19:3-9 and Mark 10:11-12/Luke 16:18?

Other texts for further interest (if you so choose): Genesis 2:20-25; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Jeremiah 3:6-8; Ezekiel 16:59-63.