



“The Divine Blueprint for Marriage”

Mark 10:1-12 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *The Pharisees try to trap Jesus on the issue of divorce. But Jesus uses it as an opportunity to expound on the divine blueprint for marriage.*

I. The Debate About Divorce.

- A. In Israel, debate about this contentious topic focused on one passage in the Bible: Deuteronomy 24.
- B. All agreed that divorce was permitted.
- C. They disagreed on the grounds for a divorce. And that depended on how you interpreted the word “indecency” found in Deuteronomy 24:1.
- D. The conservative scholars following Rabbi Shammai, said that “indecency” referred to sexual immorality.
- E. The liberal scholars following Rabbi Hillel, said that “indecency” referred to almost anything. The Pharisees followed this teaching.
- F. Jesus agrees that divorce is permitted, but only because of the hardness of a person’s heart.

II. The Divine Blueprint for Marriage.

- A. Jesus appeals to the original creation to look at the divine blueprint for marriage.
- B. Marriage is the God-ordained covenantal union between one male and one female.
- C. The union results in “one flesh.”
- D. God is the Lord of every marriage.
- E. Jesus then clarified His teaching to His disciples.
- F. There are exceptions in the Bible that would break a marriage covenant. (Don’t study those!)

III. Biblical Instructions on Marriage.

- A. Marriage is a divine covenant.
(Malachi 2:13-16)
- B. How we treat each other affects our fellowship with God. (I Peter 3:7)
(Hebrews 13:4)
- C. Walk in the Spirit, following the counsel of God’s Word to enjoy our marriage.
Examples:
 - 1. (James 1:19)
 - 2. (Ephesians 4:25-31)
 - 3. (Ephesians 5:21-25)
 - 4. (Mark 8:34-35)

Conclusion