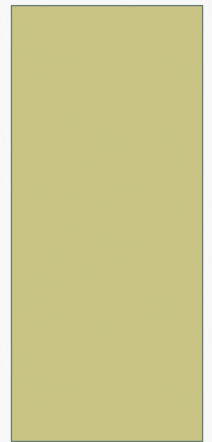


MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE – PT. 2

THE MARRIAGE BOND – MATTHEW 19:4-6



“LEAVE...AND BE JOINED”

THE PRACTICAL BOND – MT. 19:4-5A

THE PRACTICAL BOND

- Jesus presents the foundational elements of the marriage bond – Matt. 19:4-5
 - The marriage bond is connected to God's creation of the human race as "male and female."
 - Woman was created to be *the* helper comparable to the man – Gen. 2:18
 - Marriage was created **based on** God creation of the woman from the man and for each other.
- Thus, marriage consisting of a man and a woman is God's design from the beginning for all people.

THE PRACTICAL BOND: LEAVING AND JOINING

- A man is to leave family and be joined to his wife – Matt. 19:5; Gen. 2:24
 - **Joined** is to be fastened together, to be glued, cemented tightly (*Vine; Thayer*)
 - The marital bond is stronger than the relationship with one's parents
- This relationship must be first in the minds of those who marry as well as the parents.
 - The married need to leave their parents, make their own life, and provide for themselves – 1 Tim. 5:8
 - The wishes of the parents must be second or problems will arise!

“THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE
FLESH”

THE SPIRITUAL BOND – MT. 19:5B-6A

THE “ONE FLESH” RELATIONSHIP

- God formed the woman from the rib of man, establishing a unique connection – Gen. 2:21-24
 - The “one flesh” bond looks back to this connection, making them no longer two, but one.
 - They are united spiritually, mentally, sexually, and emotionally.
 - Thus, the Spirit described the love in the marriage bond as loving one’s own body – Eph. 5:28-29
- This spiritual bond is why sexual immorality is so destructive and sinful – 1 Cor. 6:15-16
- This spiritual bond should cause the married and unmarried to examine themselves.

“LET NOT MAN SEPARATE”

THE PERMANENT BOND – MT. 19:6B

THE MARRIAGE BOND IS MADE BY GOD

- Marriage involves two choosing to bond together and God sealing that bond.
 - God “yokes them together”
 - Paul says the married are bound, or tied together – Rom. 7:2
- Those who seek to separate what God has joined are very presumptuous – Matt. 19:6b
 - “Let not” is a command forbidding this action – 19:9
 - **Separate** is to divide, part, put asunder, depart, divorce.
- Man cannot violate this command without consequences – Matt. 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:10-11

CONCLUSION

- The marriage relationship was established at creation and involves a “male and female.”
- Marriage involves a practical bond formed when a male and female leave their parents and are joined to one another.
- Marriage creates a spiritual bond where two are united mentally, sexually, and emotionally.
- Because of the nature of the marriage bond, sexual immorality and divorce for just any reason should be unthinkable.