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# A series on The Family That God Builds and Establishes

## Message Titles:

1. How to Find a Christian Spouse.
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*Matthew 19:1-12*

*Matthew 19:1* And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

2 And great multitudes followed Him; and He healed them there.

3 The Pharisees also came unto Him, tempting Him, and saying unto Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause??

*Mat 19:4* And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

*Matthew 19:7* They say unto Him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

***Deuteronomy 24:1*** When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*..

*Deuteronomy 24:3* And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is* abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

*Jeremiah 3:6* The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

*Malachi 2:13* And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand.

*14* Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Mal 2:15 And did not He make one? ... And wherefore one? That He might seek a Godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Mal 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

*Matthew 19:10* His disciples say unto Him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.

*11* But He said unto them, All *men* cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given.

*12* For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

## What God Thinks and the Consequences of a Divorce.

1. God hates divorce! *Malachi 2:16*
2. God designed marriage, He defines it, Deviation is deadly.  
*Malachi 2:16*
3. God says it reveals the hardness of our hearts.  
*Matthew 19:8*

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1. A Covenant Vow is broken not a contract! *Malachi 2:14*  
*Matthew 19:6*

2. Offspring becoming Godly are challenged and scarred!  
*Malachi 2:15*

3. Prayers for God's blessings greatly hindered. *Malachi 2:13*

*1 Peter 3:7* Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

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## Application:

Divorce is not the unpardonable sin, but it is to be avoided at all cost! When Believers focus on their Saviour and His great love for them they can find in Him the resolve to meet the challenges of marriage.

*Ephesians 1:3* Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly *places* in Christ:

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## Application:

*Ephesians 2:4* But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened-(made alive) us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in Heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

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Application:

God Loves You and Your Spouse as much as He does Jesus.