

DIVORCE

Because divorce is so common today, it is not politically expedient or even thought to be the Christian thing to do to speak against it – for fear that the truth might offend so many. The truth is, God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) and says so in no uncertain terms. This is because God is a covenant God, who is faithful to keep covenant, and is looking for a covenant keeping (faithful) people.

Matthew 19:5-6

“and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh?'

Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

In fact, God likens the marriage relationship to the relationship between Him and His bride, the church (Ephesians 5:23-32), and expects us to honor our covenant with our spouse, much like He expects us to honor the covenant with Him. Since we are in covenant with both God and our spouse, the way we treat our spouse is, in essence, the way we treat Him. This also explains His warnings to husbands in 1 Peter 3:7.

Matthew 25:40

“And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, {even} the least {of them,} you did it to Me.'”

Divorce is covenant breaking because it is the dissolution of the marriage covenant where two have become one in the sight of God. Much like running from Him to embrace other partners of the world (idolatry), He considers seeking out partners other than your spouse as adultery.

James 4:4

“You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

Mark 10:11-12

“And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.”

Adultery is not the unforgivable sin, but it must be repented for as with any other sin. Reconciliation should also be considered if neither has remarried.