

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

I. THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE.

A. The Origin of Marriage.

1. Began with God.
2. Began before the fall.

B. The Purpose of Marriage.

- * Two people sharing and building a life together. *

C. The Nature of Marriage.

1. A man and a woman.
2. A priority relationship.
3. A intimate relationship.
 - * Emotionally, spiritually and physically *
4. A permanent relationship.

II. THE ENTRANCE OF DIVORCE.

A. The Description of Jesus. Matt. 19:1-10.

1. God's attitude toward divorce. Matt. 19:8; Mal. 2:16.
2. God's attempt to curb divorce. Deut. 24:1-4.
 - * The bill of divorcement gave her the freedom to marry again. This was an attempt to protect her. *

B. The Biblical Grounds for Divorce. Matt. 19:9.

- * Divorce is permitted but not required. Reconciliation is the goal. *

III. THE IMPACT OF DIVORCE.

A. The Certainty of Impact.

- * Divorce will have an impact on every one involve. This is true whether you are a Christian or non-Christian.

B. The Aspects of Impact. See The Effects of Divorce on America

1. Economically.
2. Emotionally.
3. Socially.
4. Spiritually.
 - a. The issue of forgiveness.
 - b. The issue of service. 1 Tim. 3:2,12.

Conclusion: 1. Begin where you are. 2. Receive God's forgiveness. 3. Move forward in God's grace.