

MARK

CHAPTER 10:1-12

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THEME:

The Call to Discipleship

TITLE:

What God Says About Divorce

INTRODUCTION;

Mark Chapter 10

Para-bolic Teaching

unlike

Para-doxical Teaching Style

V	The Poor Become Rich	Ver. 46-52
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I **Our Text This Morning...**

Two Shall Become One

TV Guide

"Order your DIVORCE RING today,
and celebrate a new beginning"

Billy Graham Once said;

**"I can't blame a man or a woman for not coming to Christ,
If they see friends or family who 'say they are Christian' -
and fail at keeping their marriage together"**

Verse 1

Moving Towards Jerusalem, He enters the area of Judea
*and, as He was accustomed He **taught** them again...*

Romans 10:17 KJV

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Taught

GRK *didasko* or *didaskalia*;

Instructions, Doctrine, Directions
"blueprints for Living"

John 14:15 KJV

If ye love me, keep my commandments, teachings

It has been said that; God uses "*Velvet Chains*"

The power of His truth,
His claims and demands for obedience is justified by who He is
God is Love

Jesus' earthly ministry is now coming to end... He has been focusing on **The Call to Discipleship**...and with His teaching this morning on divorce, there is no exception to His authority, His ownership, and rule over those who are His...

According to current statistics in America;

50% of the Marriages Fail
and by the year 2003
nearly 75% of America's Children will have two sets of Parents.

As the Family goes, So goes the Nation
AS THE MARRIAGE GOES, SO GO'S THE FAMILY

In this day and age that we live in:

- *What* is Marriage?
- *Why* do we even have marriage?
- *How* does it affect me?

A New Age of Redefining Terms;

- Self-Realization, •Self-Fulfillment, •Self-Assurance
- Self-actualization, •Self-Grandizment

From the new gospel writers of our day like;

•*John Denver*, •*Linda Evans*, and •*Sherly McClaine*

"I AM GOD"

New terms now of;

- "Relativistic ethics",
- "The Morality of Fulfillment"
- "Emotional Obedience"

*Have we become so committed to self that we'll forgo the results of the end
to satisfy the craving of the hour?*

Understanding the Times of Christ

Verse 2

...*"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife **TESTING** Him"*

Now in the region of Herod Antipas
The Leading Rabbinical Views;

Rabbi Akiba; *You could divorce your wife if you found a woman who gave you more pleasure
than she*

Rabbi Shammi: Orthodox, *sexually impure (wedding night)*

Verse 3-5

Deuteronomy 24:1

Jesus stresses two aspects of marriage;

#1 the intimacy;

Like no other relationship on earth is the depth of meaning that is present in the marriage state (model)

#2 the permanence;

no longer two, but one when you are at war with your wife you are at war with yourself!

I	<i>The Origin of</i>	Marriage	Ver. 6-9
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Your God of the Bible Invented Marriage,
Your Marriage!

Verse 9

What God has Joined together

Hey Jack, It's not working;

Men are like **Dump Trucks**, Women are like Ferrari's

We have dents and scratches and squeaky doors.

Women act, move & sound different, handle different "Touchy"

Ephesians 5:31-32 KJV

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. ³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Background;

II	<i>The Meaning to</i>	Marriage	Ver. 7-8
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- A.) It's a Model of Heaven
- B.) It's the Intimate experience known
- C.) It's Prophetic for the church

to cleave

GRK *pros-kol-lah'-o*

to glue, to adhere, to be stuck too

is the word to denote a union of the closest kind

III	<i>The Permanence in</i>	Marriage	Ver. 9-12
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Malachi 2:13-15 NIV

Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.

¹⁴ You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. ¹⁵ Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

Proverbs 5:18 KJV

Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Ladies cover your ears for a moment

Guy's, If your wife doesn't satisfy you anymore, and you want her to change....You're the one who needs a change in heart

Remember, Your Wedding Vows before God

Numbers 30:2 KJV

If a man or a woman vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a comitment; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Marriage is to be the closest thing to Heaven on Earth

- #1 It's for a lifetime, personal, private, and fulfilling
- #2 It's His model plan, family ministry, and nations
- #3 It's complete, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally
- #4 It's His idea, father, Son, Bride, Bridegroom, and wedding

When was the last time you thought of the fact that "God has called you to be a Husband, a Wife...

1 Corinthians 7:24

Let each man, be responsible to God, remaining in the situation God called him to.

Note

That a marriage is to continue until death, and, where forgiveness cannot be extended due to sexual immorality - Divorce

Verse 9

What therefore God hath joined together,
let not man put asunder.
(divide, separate, to drive a wedge)

Pastor, Friend, Parent, Physiologist
(*Must in the end answer to God*)

Ephesians 5:28 KJV

So men are to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

LIKE JESUS LOVES THE CHURCH

Arguments for Divorce;

#1 Aren't I supposed to be happy?

definition of the word "happy"

JOY- is not held hostage to the situations of this world

**There is only one place where there is happiness and it isn't Disneyland,
It's not the Magic Kingdom.**

**It's God's Kingdom!
Heaven is a Happy Place**

#2 I "fell out" of Love.

*You bailed out, you began to keep score, you began to become. You went **Independent**
in **Dependent** relationship*

#3 God will forgive me

I'm getting a divorce

What makes you think that God will forgive you?

Hebrews 10:26 KJV

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth
no more sacrifice for sins,

Two Exceptions

Sexual Immorality and Death

Matthew 19:9

Unfaithfulness / fornication;

GRK *porneia* (por-ni'-ah); ENG; Pornography

Sexual Impurity

(including whoredom, adultery, incest and fornication and prostitution,

Any Illicit Sex)

*Marriage is so awesome of a state to God
that forgiveness is requested before divorce
even if sexual immorality has been committed.*

Verse 5

Hardness

GRK; sclerosis-kardia (Multiple-sclerosis)
hardened of heart,
to be destitute (spiritual) perception

Verses 10-12

Jesus' Radical Teaching on Divorce;

Matthew 19:10 KJV

His disciples say unto him, If this is the case of the man with his wife, it is not good to marry.

Paul's Teaching on Divorce;

*At Corith, There were mixed marriages between converts
to Christianity, leaving one a pagan worshipper.*

1 Corinthians 7:10-24

"Do Not Divorce"

Divorce is a Divine concession to human
sin and weakness

Divorce is always second best, Always

Dr. D. Martin Lloyd-Jones;

A Sensitive issue is before us today;

To you who carry the pain of being the offender in a marriage, the Adulterer, I say this with all fearful joy that if you are repentful of whatever sin you committed in the past or even now may be involved in, If you cast yourself upon the boundless grace of God you can be forgiven and you are pardoned -

The Application;

#1 **You** Obey the word of God; By seeking repentance

#2 **I** am not Passing Judgement;

#3 **We** must Restore the one who has fallen;

Galatians 6:1 KJV

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Matthew 5:28 KJV

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The Doubled Edged Sword of Sexual Sin

"The two becoming one" in scripture declares that it is not only a physical event, but also a spiritual event.

Paul Put it this way;

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 NIV

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."¹⁷ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (The way you Honor God with your Body is in obedience to His command)

IE; King David cries;

Psalm 51:10, 13 KJV

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Verse 10-12

Matthew 19:9 KJV

Who ever shall divorce his wife, (***except it be for sexual immorality,***) and shall marry another, commits adultery: and whoso marrieth her(***the one divorced because of sexual immorality***) which is divorced, commits adultery.

The scripture is teaching that if you marry someone who is guilty of adultery, you now have become a partaker of that sin, and becomes guilty of the same.

Our Pre-Marital Policy Here;

- *We do not marry anyone here that we do not know.*
- *They must go through six months of pre-marital guidance.*
- *They must abstain from sexual immorality during that time and if they don't*
- *We start the six months over.*

Remember,
Repentance brings forgiveness
no matter what your past has held.
forgiveness is available to those who ask.

Jeremiah 31:34 KJV

Thus saith the LORD: I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Matthew 12:31 KJV

Therefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven you: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven you. neither in this world, or the world to come.

**What God say's about Divorce
Avoid it at all cost, be forgiving First**

You Are Engaged to Jesus if you are a Christian

I'll Never Leave You Nor Forsake You