

The Sermon on the Mount

- *And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Mt. 7:28-29*
- *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 7:24*
- *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 7:26*

The Authority of Jesus

- *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Mt. 28:18-20*
- *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. Jn. 12:48-49*

Jesus is King & Lord

- With the same authority He spoke of murder anger and derisiveness and adultery and sexual lust, he now defines divorce.
- *"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.*
Mt. 5:31-32

The Pharisees wanted to Debate

- Matt 19:3 came to him Pharisees, **trying** him
- Other uses of this word in Matthew:
- to be **tempted** of the devil. 4:1
- the **tempter** came 4:3
- Pharisees and Sadducees came, and **trying** him asked to show sign from heaven. 16:1
- But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why make ye **trial** of me, ye hypocrites? 22:18
- And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, **trying** him: 22:35

They believed His teaching was Error

- *The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" Mt.19:3*
- *Jesus proved the truth of His words:*
- *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." Matt 19:4*

God's Intent Clearly Revealed

- God made man alone. Gave him part of the Sixth day to be alone.
- Not good for man to be alone.
- God put Adam to sleep, took out his rib and created a woman.
- He woke up married and joined. Marriage was God's final crowning achievement of the creation. Before marriage "**not good**" after marriage, "**all was very good.**"
- Jesus Said: Man can't modify or change it.

Jesus' Proof Can't Be Removed

- What conclusion does this force one to draw?
- How does this sit with their teaching a man could divorce his wife for any cause?
- It was completely incompatible!
- No way to harmonize their view.
- God wanted permanent marriage and they taught divorce for any cause.
- They didn't even try to go any further with this reasoning.
- They were vanquished by this Scripture!

Pharisees were Prepared

- *They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" Matt 19:7*
- They believed Moses had given this command to reveal that God's attitude toward marriage had changed after the fall.
- Assumed God revealed a new attitude through this command.
- Thought this would destroy Jesus and discredit Him among the multitudes.

Jesus Reveals the Truth

- *He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. Mt 19:8-9*
- They made a false assumption.
- Jesus was present, had a much clearer insight.
- He knew Why God gave this command.
- It did not reveal God's will or intent at all
- This command regarding divorce was given *"because of your hardness of heart"*

God Hates Divorce

...the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. 15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. 16 “For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one’s garment with violence,” (Mal. 2:14-16)

- Divorce is treachery
- God Hates Divorce

Jesus Revealed God's Will on Marriage

- *And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." Mt. 19:9*
- *But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery. Mt. 5:31-32*

The Holy Spirit Through Paul

- *Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. 1Cor. 7:10-11*
- The only thing Jesus said to the married is found in Mt 5:31-32; Mt 19:9
- What Paul revealed and what Jesus revealed are identical.

Jesus Has All Authority

- *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Lk. 6:46*
- *Whosoever goes onward and abides not in the teaching of Christ, has not God: he that abides in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son. 2Jn 9*
- The truth is clear. Yet the problem remains

It is Still Being Said

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- Who are we going to listen to?
- The world or Jesus?