



## God Hates Divorce

- ▶ "... The Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by **covenant** ... and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. **For I hate divorce, says the Lord, the God of Israel**" (Malachi 2:14-16 NASU).

## Why Do Marriages Succeed?

- ▶ Each is alert to the needs of the other.
  - Proverbs 31:10-12, 27; Ephesians 5:21-33
- ▶ Neither will deny the other normal sexual pleasure. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Hebrews 13:4
- ▶ Each provides emotional security for the other. Colossians 3:19; Titus 2:3-4
- ▶ Parenthood is made a reality where it is possible. Psalms 127:3-5
- ▶ Both partners make wise and unselfish use of their resources. Proverbs 31:13-34; 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

## God's Basic Rule

**Matthew 19:1-9 Jesus explains this basic rule.** Jesus reaffirmed Genesis 2:24 and explained its implications.

**"EXCEPT."** The general rule when one divorces and remarries.

**"FORNICATION."** 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5; Hebrews 13:3

**"Flee Fornication"** (1 Corinthians 6:18); cf. Genesis 39:12; cf. Proverbs 7

## Why So Many Broken Homes?

**Immodest Attire** 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:1-4

**Quarreling** Galatians 5:15

**Materialism** Matthew 6:33; Ecclesiastes 5:10

**In-Laws**

- Leave and cleave. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31

**Unwise use of leisure time** Ecclesiastes 12:1ff

**Alcohol or drug use** Proverbs 20:1; cf. Proverbs 23:29-32

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**Preoccupation.**

*Ephesians 5:25*

*"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it"*

*Ephesians 5:28-29 "Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies ... for no man ever hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth** and **cherisheth** it, even as Christ also the church."*

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**Cessation of Courtship.** cf. 1 Peter 3:7  
Love *"does not behave itself unseemly."*  
1 Corinthians 13:6

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## Consequence of Broken Homes

- > **To the spouse emotionally.**
  - *"Treacherous," (Traitor)*
  - *"Violence," (Cruelty)*
  - Malachi 2:14-16*
- > **To the parents.**
- > **To the church.**
- > **To souls involved.**
- > **To the finances.**
- > **To the children.**

**God Hates It!**

*Deuteronomy 6:24 "And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God, for our good always ..."*

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