

The most common approach to the subject of marriage and divorce is therapeutic rather than theological. Perhaps you have come today anticipating or expecting to hear one thing or another. My great desire is to simply lay before you the Biblical truth and encourage you to evaluate any and all circumstances from the perspective of God's Word, not opinion, emotion, or life experience. **My primary purpose today is to elevate God's standard of permanence in marriage and to encourage those who have been impacted by the tragedy and trauma of divorce.**

*Matthew 5:31-32; 19:1-12; Genesis 2:22-25; Hebrews 13:4; Malachi 2:13-16
Deuteronomy 24; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:12-13*

**Just because you haven't divorced,
does not mean you have a marriage that honors God!**

I. Why is the subject of marriage and divorce important to Jesus?

- A. The image of God *Genesis 1:26-27; 2:22-25*
- B. The Gospel *Ephesians 5*
- C. The foundation for a stable and healthy society (covenants) *Genesis. 2:24; Matthew 19:6*
- D. The future hope is seen in marriage.

II. What did Jesus say about divorce?

This passage is one of six statements made by our Lord in which He is showing the relationship of His kingdom and teaching to the Law of God. Jesus is comparing true teaching of the law with the false interpretation by the Pharisees and Scribes.

- Jesus destroys the rabbinical misinterpretation of the law
- Jesus defines the law's true meaning
- Jesus declares the sacredness of marriage
- Jesus denounces divorce

III. What are the implications from holding a Biblical view of marriage and divorce?

- A. Principles to guide
- B. Practical application