

God's Simple Marriage Law

Rom. 7:1-3

Introduction:

- A. God's rule concerning marriage is as basic as creation itself.
 - 1. One man for one woman for life.
 - 2. Exceptions have been granted.
 - a. By Moses, but from beginning not so. (Matt. 19)
 - b. By many, but still from beginning it was not so.
- B. God's rule concerning marriage is clearly stated in the New Testament.

Discussion:

I. The Basic Rule Of Marriage.

- A. Bound as long as live, freed only by death. (Rom. 7:1-3).
- B. Divorce "for just any reason" is not lawful. (Matt. 19:3).
 - 1. Not so from beginning.
 - 2. Out of man's hands.

II. The One Authorized Exception, Divinely Revealed.

- A. Twice stated by Jesus.
 - 1. Matt. 5:31, 32 deals with the one put away for other causes.
 - a. Either causes or makes her an adulteress by temptation placed on her.
 - b. Or "makes her an adulteress" in sense of "making Him a liar" (cf. 1 John 1:9)
 - c. In either case, the second marriage is adultery without the exception.
 - 2. Matt. 19:1-9 deals with both parties in divorce and the consequences.
 - a. Nothing hard to understand about the question.
 - b. Nothing hard to understand about the answer.
 - c. Sometimes hard to apply. (cf. v.12).
- B. Stated by only one who has right make exception.

III. The Many Unauthorized Exceptions, Humanly Reasoned.

- A. Some find reasons to cancel the one exception.
 - 1. "Jesus only correcting abuses of Moses' Law, so was giving rule for that dispensation".
 - 2. "Exception not mentioned after church established."
 - 3. "No exception easier to consistently apply."
- B. Others find reasons go grant additional exceptions.
 - 1. "Alien not subject to marriage law"
 - 2. "Adultery breaks all the bonds."
 - 3. "No such thing as 'living in adultery'" (cf. Col. 3:5-7)
 - 4. "Sin in marrying again, but may remain in marriage"
 - 5. "Unfair for one put away from no cause". - Mental Divorce.
 - 6. "Paul grants another exception in 1 Cor.7:15"
 - 7. "What if....."
- C. No matter how reasonable a position seems, if it flies in face of plain revelation, it is a false position (cf. Rom. 5:21;6:1,2;6:15).

Conclusion:

- A. God has spoken on marriage.
- B. "Let God be true, and every man a liar".
- C. Let us be governed by what Bible says, not by what our emotions would like for it to say.