

Biblical Divorce & Remarriage

Part 1 Mt. 19:1-12, Deut. 24:1

I. First Century Palestinian Mindset.

1. Rabbi, Hillel- Believed-“Any Cause” Divorce based on his interpretation of Deut. 24:1.

Two conditions for “Any Cause” divorce:

- a) Only a man could initiate a divorce.
- b) He could use any cause to divorce, i.e., burning food.

2. Rabbi, Shammai- Believed- based on Deut. 24:1 “Not Cause” divorce. You could never ever divorce wife except one condition.

One condition for Divorce according to Rabbi Shammai:

- a) If he caught His wife committing adultery.

3. The broad Jewish belief of the first century was the “Any Cause” or not fault divorces

II. God's view of Divorce: Mal. 2:14-16

III. Jesus’ view of Divorce: Mt. 19:1-12

1. It is a result of the sinful fall. Gen. 3:15-19. The curse.
2. Marriage is between a man and a woman. Jesus is address a wide spread problem of polygamy vs. Monogamy Mt. 19:4
3. He talks about the Covenant of marriage. Mt. 19:5-6
4. The reason for Divorce Hardened hearts. Mt. 19:7-8, Jer. 2:1-3, 2:20-26, 3:10-14, 4:3-4, 11:1-17

IV. Biblical reasons for Divorce

1. Sexual immorality- Mt. 19, Mt. 5:25-32
2. Abandonment- Exo. 21:10-11, Ezk. 23:30-31, Num. 5:32-36, Lev. 25:44-46, Ezk. 37:15-28, I Cor. 7:12-16
3. Abuse- Physical, Sexual, Emotional. 1 Cor. 6:18-19