

WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DIVORCE?
KING JESUS REVEALS TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A MATTER OF THE HEART
Matthew 5:31-32

I. JESUS UNVEILS THE JEWS ADULTEROUS HEARTS BY ADDRESSING THEIR WRONG VIEW OF DIVORCE (31-32)

A. WHAT THE JEWS HAD HEARD CONCERNING DIVORCE: For basically any reason, it is ok to divorce if you give a certificate of divorce (31)

B. WHAT THEY SHOULD OF KNOWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (Misc passages)

1. **God's intent for marriage** (Gen 2, Matt19, Eph 5)

2. **God's view of divorce:** Hated but permitted under certain circumstances (Duet 24:1-4, Malachi 2:16, Matt 19:3-9)

C. WHAT JESUS SAYS CONCERNING DIVORCE: Your view brings about adultery, except in the case of immorality (32)

1. **Everyone who divorces cause adultery to be committed (32, Mark 10:1-2)**

2. **The exception: You're guilty, except in the case of a spouse's sexual immorality, which implies remarriage is permitted (32, cf 19:6)**

3. **The implication in context: You're guilty, worthy of hell (cf 27-30)**

II. FURTHER NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

A. You can divorce and remarry if a unbelieving spouse leaves (1Cor 7:10-16, 27-28)

B. What about Romans 7, which speaks of remarriage in case of death alone?

III. WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE SINNED in the matter of Divorce?