

# WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SINGLENESS?

TO MARRY OR TO NOT MARRY

Matthew 19:10-12

## I. WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT MARRIAGE FROM GOD'S

**VIEWPOINT:** God's high standard of marriage and thus divorce causes His disciples to state. **'If marriages are to be like this than it better not to marry' (10, Mark 10:10)**

A. **Review:** Marriage is ordained by God and no man is to separate what God has joined (1-6)

B. **Review:** Because of sin, God permits divorce in the case of adultery and/or desertion by unbelieving spouse (7-9, 1 Cor 7)

C. Jesus' disciples make a follow-up statement: **'If marriages are to be like this, it is better not to marry' (10)**

## II. WE MUST THEN UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT SINGLENESS FROM GOD'S

**VIEWPOINT:** In response to the disciple's statement, Jesus reveals not all can remain unmarried but those whom He has given the ability to accept this, for the sake of His Kingdom (11-12. 1Cor 7)

A. His statement: 'Not all men can accept the statement "it is better then not to marry" except those it has been given' (11)

B. His explanation: There are eunuchs because of physical reasons and then those because of the Kingdom of Heaven (12a, 1 Cor 7)

C. His conclusion: If you are able to accept this, then do so (12b). if not (the implication is get married) (11a, 1Cor 7)