

## The Honor Of Marriage

<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" <sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, <sup>5</sup> and said, ' FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

<sup>7</sup> They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?" <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." <sup>10</sup> The disciples said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry." Matt 19:3-10

1. Jesus elevates marriage to the place of HONOR that it deserves.
2. The Christian is COMMANDED to honor marriage. (Heb. 13:4-5)
  - a. "Honor" is to VALUE something, so that it CHANGES your behavior.
  - b. "Honor" demands that you seek only that which is SEXUALLY PURE.
  - c. God ONLY APPROVES of sexual intimacy in the covenant of marriage.
3. The sexual oneness in marriage is PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL at the same time.
  - a. A very popular lie: Sex is just a PHYSICAL ACT.
4. Your body was CREATED to ONLY have sexual intimacy within your marriage. (I Cor. 6:13,18)
5. The best thing you can do for yourself and your marriage is to SEEK PURITY. (Prov. 6:23-33)