THE MATTER OF Marriage and Divorce

ERRORS AND EFFECTS



Current Errors Being Taught:

- 'Guilty Party' Free to Remarry
- Believing Spouse Free to Remarry if Unbeliever Dep.
- The 'Kingdom Law'
- Baptism Sanctifies an Unlawful Marriage
- Redefining 'Adultery'



Current Errors Being Taught:

• How Must We Answers These Errors?

Does it agree 100% with what is taught in other Bible passages? Does it fit with Bible principles taught in other places? Does it contradict other Bible teachings? Is it logical?

If, at any time, two or more people disagree with what God's word teaches, one of two things is <u>always</u> true: Either <u>one</u> is wrong, or <u>all</u> are wrong, because all cannot be right.

Error: 'Guilty Party' Free to Remarry

• The Argument:

No allowances for divorce other than for sexual immorality, but allows both parties in which the divorce <u>was</u> for sexual immorality to remarry another.

"Where there is no marriage, there is no bond." [both free to remarry]

The exception of the first part of Matt. 19:9 must be applied to (implied in) the second half. (*"and whoever marries her who is divorced*



• The Answer:

- Arguing From <u>Partial</u> Truths

(Matt. 19:9)

- There Is NO Exception for the One Put Away

Matt. 5:31, 32; Luke 16:18

• The Answer:

The Matter of Vows and the Marriage Bond Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; Prov. 20:25; Eccl. 5:4, 5

When vows are to be considered, when one party breaks the vow, in no situation does this free all parties from the responsibility of keeping the covenant/agreement made in the vow.

If anything, God has said, "Pay what you have vowed."

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• The Answer:

- God & Israel/Husbands & Wives

Exod. 6:4; 19:5, 8; Josh. 24:16-18

• The Unfaithfulness of Israel

(Jer. 31:32; 3:8)

• The Consequences & Expectation

(Hosea 2:2)

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- The (Unintended?) Effects:
 - The Guilty Spouse Suffers Nothing
 - The Solution to all Unhappy Marriages!
 - God's Intent for Marriage is Mocked and Disparaged
 - The Vow is Made Insignificant and Almost Meaningless