

Lesson 18: The Rich Young Ruler

Journey to Jerusalem (Final Judean Ministry):
Concerning Marriage
(Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12)
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“And I say unto you ...” verse 9!

- Jesus asserted His supremacy over Moses, and re-enacted the original law of marriage.

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“Whosoever ...” **If** it be true that those outside of Christ, are not amenable to the law of God, **then** it would not be possible for these to sin because sin is the transgression of law. cf. Romans 4:15; 5:12; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- Therefore, no need to repent. Yet, Acts 17:30-31
- No need to be baptized for the remission of sins. Yet, Mark 16:15-16
- No sin to wash away. Yet, Acts 22:16
- NOTE: *“Whosoever ...”* Includes ALL cases of divorce and remarriage ... results in adultery ... (only one exception).
- The general rule when one divorces and remarries: Note verse 9 without the exception clause; also Mark 10:11,12; Luke 16:18.
- *“Except,”* verse 9, This cause, only this cause, no other cause. Carries the weight of “if,” and “only if.”

God Commands Repentance

Acts 17:30-31, *“All men everywhere ...”*
Romans 3:23, *“for all have sinned ...”*
Romans 4:15, *“... where there is no law, neither is there transgression.”*

Therefore, all are under law!

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- *“Committeth adultery”* is linear action. cf. Romans. 7:1-4 *“She shall be called an adulteress ...”* How long would she be called *“an adulteress”*?
- *“Adultery”* must be defined by the use Jesus made of the term: unlawful sexual intercourse involving someone under the constraint of God’s marriage law. Defined by context.
 - Married man with another man’s wife (John 8:4)
 - Man puts away his wife without cause and marries another. (Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18)
 - Woman who is put away without cause and marries another (Matthew 5:32; 19:9)
 - Put-away fornicator marries another (Matthew 5:32 and Matthew 19:9 read with the exception in place).

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The Reply of the disciples: Verse 10, *“His disciples say unto him, if the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.”*

- They saw the severity of Jesus’ teaching; they knew Jesus went further than Moses.
- What Jesus taught concerning Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage constitutes *“a hard saying.”*
 - There were some who walked no more with Jesus because of His teaching which they perceived to be a *“hard saying”* John 6:60, 66.
 - But we should have the attitude of Peter – you have the *“words of eternal life.”* John 6:67-68

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- **Jesus' Reply to the Disciples:** Verses 11-12, *"But he said unto them, Not all men can receive this saying, but they to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs, that were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."*
- **Three classes of eunuchs:**
 1. Those who were eunuchs from their mother's womb. cf. Acts 8:26-27.
 2. Those which were "made eunuchs of men," cf. 2 Kings 20:17-18; Daniel 1:3-4, 6.
 3. Eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven.

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- The Sinfulness of Divorce:
- A. It is a putting asunder of what God has joined together, Matthew 19:6.
- B. It is something God hates, Malachi 2:14-16.
- C. There is only one Scriptural cause – fornication, Matthew 19:9.
- D. It often leads to adulterous second marriages, Matthew 19:9; 5:32.

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Scriptural Re-Marriage.

- People whose mates are deceased, Romans 7:2-3.
- Individuals who put their mates away for the cause of fornication, Matthew 19:9.
- **NOTE:** This is permission granted to the "innocent party;" God does not authorize a license to sin! cf. Proverbs 13:15

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CONCLUSION:

- God does the joining together only when a marriage is approved by His law.
 - When a man puts away his wife without the one scriptural cause, and marries another, Jesus calls it adultery. Matthew. 19:4-6.
 - As long as they continue in this relationship it is adultery.
 - Likewise, when a man unlawfully puts away his wife (without cause), God does not release either party from the bonds and obligations of marriage (restraint of divine law) by which he joined them together.
 - When there is a divorce for the ONE scriptural cause, then and only then does God dissolve the union He joined together.
 - God set the conditions for joining and God set the conditions for dissolving.