

Week 32

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Marriage and the Kingdom Way

Matthew 19:1-12

The divorce question

From the beginning

Two become one

What God has joined together

Other scriptures: Mark 10:1-12, Genesis 1:27, 2:24, 5:2, Malachi 2:13-16, 1 Corinthians 6:16-17, Ephesians 5:31-32, Hebrews 13:4

What about Moses?

An allowance, but ...

The guiding principle

Other scriptures: Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Matthew 5:31, Luke 16:18

The disciples' conclusion

It's better not to marry!

Other scriptures: 1 Corinthians 7:1, 7

Jesus responds

Not everyone can do this

Some are born able

Others are made able

Others renounce marriage to prioritize the kingdom

The one who can should

Other scriptures: 1 Corinthians 7:1, 7, 26, 28, 32-35, 38, 40

Corresponding questions

What about a "gift of celibacy?" (1 Corinthians 7:7)

What about celibacy in the priesthood?

(Matthew 19:12, 1 Corinthians 7:7, 26, 28, 32-35, 38)

What if I don't have that "gift" or calling?

(1 Corinthians 7:2-5, 9, 36)

Marriage in the eternal kingdom

(Matthew 22:30, 1 Corinthians 7:31)

The truth for all time (Ephesians 5: 21-33)

But what if ... (1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23)