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My Wife and I Are Divorced from Second Spouse: Is This God's Way of Bringing Me and My First Wife Back Together?

Ask: I read an article written by Heaven Ministries about divorce. What am I to do since I was married, divorced and now remarried? If a person was told that they had Scriptural grounds to remarry and they take the advice what are they to do? In my case my first wife divorced me. I tried to reconcile but she continued to refuse. I was told (by a bible counselor) that I was free to remarry. Now I am remarried and this marriage is shot and my "wife" is leaving me. Should I view this as God protecting me in the sense that now I can stay single until I die? My first wife remarried but is in the process of a divorce. Is this Gods way of possibly bringing me and my first wife back together? Doesn't Deuteronomy say that since my first wife remarried I cannot take her back? What should I do?

Marriage Guidance: We hear this same sentiment over and over again. The state pastors / bible counselors tell their congregation that they are free to remarry after divorce. But this is not what scripture says. Many folks have been mislead down a path that leads to destruction.

You see, we cannot just read the word and *think* we know what it says; or take another man's scriptural view; If there is something in scripture that you do not understand then you must pray about it and ask God to give you the wisdom and knowledge to "see" it!! And then once you understand it, apply *it into* your life.

We have talked about this very same issue in other <u>marriage columns here</u>. Go to Angie's Marriage columns and then look under the heading called "Separation, Remarriage and Divorce". There you will find numerous marriage columns about divorce and remarriage. We hope that our readers make good use of the published marriage columns already on the website for encouraging and for understanding new awareness of what Gods will is for your lives.

Pray for guidance and ask God to show you the way to walk with Him in sincere love and peace. God does provide us with the answers to our troubled heart when we sincerely go to Him for answers. The reason why people say they never get their prayers answered is because they 1) pray selfishly 2) pray without sincerity 3) they don't wait on God for the answer 4) they are looking for the answer in something *they want* and God does not work like that.

Our Heavenly Father will not provide answers or wisdom filled guidance to folks who aren't really sincere in their communication with Him. We must be in the Spirit of Jesus Christ when communicating with Our Lord otherwise our prayers will be in vain and worth nothing to us.

Let's get to the point. You were not really married to your second wife! You are living in adultery with her; and so it is good she is leaving. Let her go.

The point I'm trying to make is, God sees your second marriage as adultery and not a (real) marriage. Could this be why it is not working out because you are still married to your first wife, in Gods eyes? It only MATTERS WHAT OUR LORD THINKS. If you are with another woman besides your wife, you are in adultery.

Some people don't understand how come God would not allow remarriage if a spouse divorced them. Understanding "why" is understanding why there is pain, suffering and evil in the world. No place in the bible does it talk about REmarriage BECAUSE God did not enact RE-Marriage.

There is pain and suffering in the world, but we HAVE the unconditional LOVE of our LORD to bring us the contentment we need when we are suffering. God never said we would not suffer or have trials and tribulations in this world. If our first spouse wants out of the marriage, let them go **but there is NO Remarriage!**

Scripture clearly lets us know that if our first marriage spouse is still living then we are still married to them and remarrying someone else while that spouse is still alive would be considered adultery. **We don't say this, the Word of God does!!**

When we look at the whole picture from the beginning from when God first established marriage, and when we understand that **God created marriage as a**

"living symbol" of His relationship with His people we can understand "why" God hates divorce and remarriage.

Some of you may feel that we are dictating what you can or cannot do on this subject, or feel as if we are condemning and judging, etc. But this is not the case at all. **Some aspects of the word are just VERY difficult for some to perceive.** We're just teaching what the Word of God says!!

BIBLE STUDY: Please get your bible out and let's do the study. If you do not yet have a King's James Bible, we highly suggest you get one as it is <u>the best</u> compared to all the newer versions which love to twist meanings and change wording of scripture.

Bible Study on Divorce and Remarriage

Jesus says "Not all can receive this." (Mat 19:11)

Receive what, you may be thinking?

But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying (Matthew 19), save they to whom it is given. (Matthew 19:11)

Christ is referring to the "putting away of your wife". He said:

Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. Matthew 19:8

Read that scripture again: now sincerely invite our Lord to give you <u>His perception</u> to understand the meaning behind such words.

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, <u>except it be for fornication</u>, and shall marry another committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth which is put away doth commit adultery. Matthew 19:9 KJV

Now here is where most people in the state churches and of the state churches, get confused or have been mislead.

What is fornication? Is fornication adultery? NO, it is not adultery. Adultery is between two married people. So then what is fornication?

According to Marriam-Webster:

Definition of FORNICATION

Consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other.

So then WHO is Jesus referring to when he says this, "Except it be for fornication?"

He is talking to the Jews and of the Jews who, at that time practiced betrothal (engagement) BEFORE marriage. JESUS IS REFERRING TO TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE BETROTHED AND NOT YET MARRIED.

Joseph and Mary were betrothed but not yet married. Remember when Mary told Joseph she was with child and Joseph thought she had fornicated with another? He was going to "put her way privily", or what some call, "divorce" her. Let's read on.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they *came together* (had sex) she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband (Joseph was called her HUSBAND but they had not yet consummated the marriage) being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to "put her away privily".

How here's the clincher: The exception clause (Matthew 19:9) that so many married couples have been using against each other for centuries to divorce IS NOT EVEN REFERRING TO THEM!! It is referring to betrothed couples, before marriage!!

God is the owner of marriage, not any state institution that writes a writ of divorcement. That is only a piece of paper signed by some agent for the state. So what?

Well, are you are Christ-led person or a World-led person? **You need to choose who you are going to be.** A Christ-led person cannot and will not accept the madmade act OF DIVORCE OR REMARRIAGE.

There is NO Divorce in the Kingdom of Heaven!! There is no such things as REmarriage in the Kingdom of Heaven.

MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT with the first spouse you marry, not with the second or third or fourth, only the first spouse, "until death do you part."

And we can say with certainty that you have been committing adultery with your second woman you call wife, and your wife has been committing adultery with her second man she is calling her husband...and both new relationships have not worked.

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And Jesus' disciples when they heard this about marriage they were in awe.

His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man <u>be so</u> with his wife, it is not good to marry.

But he said onto them; "All men cannot receive this saying *save* they who it is given. Matthew 19:10-11.

Continuing with scripture of **Matthew 19:12**, Jesus goes on to talk about *some* men that have castrated themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake. **These** men did not want to be given into sexual temptation whatsoever.

However, we do not have to resort to this rash behavior when we put our FAITH and TRUST in our Heavenly Father and <u>COMMIT ourselves to our first marriage</u> and only wife or husband. God want us to enjoy sex and have it as often as we want, **BUT** with our FIRST and ONLY spouse.

Yes, it is true, not many people can commit themselves to one sexual spouse because they are not living in the spirit but living of the flesh; they live with no self control. But that is a whole other article.

So, let's get on to your last question.

You asked? Could this possibly be God's way of bringing me and my first wife back together?

We can't answer that for certainty; this is something between you, God and your second wife, however if you both are willing then where is the problem? You are still married to each other. God wants all marriages restored back to Him. This is why God gave us the application of repentance so we can "see" our mistakes and ask Him for forgiveness for our wretched lives we have been living.

I commend you on your efforts to try and reconcile with her in the beginning. All is not lost, as you can know the TRUTH and that TRUTH can set you and your wife both FREE from being slaves in this world, but rather stewards for the Lord.

Note: Anytime we are *living in sin* we are slaves to that sin. Example: Slaves to Remarriage. This is not to say Christ-ones never sin, on the contrary, we're all sinners, but we're not all slaves to sin: Big Difference, again!!

And, just because you and your wife are remarried to another does not make you evil people, but rather confused people who do not know the TRUTH because the churches KEEP PEOPLE FROM entering into THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. They do not want people to enter into the kingdom of heaven so they keep telling them lies and deceiving them. Come out of her my people and be REBORN in the kingdom of heaven. That's where Jesus is.

Remember: "Christ ones" are in the world but not of the world; BIG, HUGE, Difference.

Our Father will transform you and your wife through inner-healing and give you the freedom to enjoy one another through the beautiful principles of marriage that He has given us in His Word. It is all outlined in His Holy Word; all we have to

do is begin to apply it (live it!) into our lives so we can live in His Wisdom and in His Knowledge for our marriage. Because honestly, this is where true freedom is!

If you and your wife have questions please contact our ministry. May God Bless you both and give you the knowledge of Truth, Love and Faith.

For further study see: Remarriage and adultery article: http://www.heavenministries.com/remarriage%20adultery.htm

Permanency of Marriage booklet: free download http://www.heavenministries.com/permanency of marriage1.htm

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