

Angie's Marriage Column ~ November 24, 2011

Is Remarriage an Abomination to God according to Deuteronomy 24:1-4?

A Note to our Readers: (marriage column is below)

Dear Friends,

We know it has been several months since you have received a marriage column but we took a much needed break away from writing and the ministry. But we're back! But we do have some changes. We have decided to write a *monthly marriage column* now and we will send out excellent marriage tips and biblical wisdom in between.

Most people do not realize how involved and demanding writing a 2000 word marriage column is. Some days Angie was spending 4 to 5 hours just doing the research and study for a marriage column. In other words, it is much more involved than most people think, and it is for this reason and because of time constraints and busy schedules we are just unable to spend that time anymore.

Our marriage ministry and helping others is important to us and that's why we have so much content on the ministry. All of the material for healing yourself and for building up a Godly marriage is for your benefit and so we hope you take full advantage of it. Also, many of the questions and concerns sent into the ministry that we receive have already been covered, either in an article already on the ministry or a previous marriage column. We're in the process of adding all of the marriage columns on the website to the ministry, but everything takes time, as you know. We're working on it, so keep checking back.

We hope you take full advantage of the Heaven Ministries marriage ministry and all of the materials that are already on the website. If you do have any questions send us an email. We may live in South America now but we still receive email just like before. ☺ God Bless!

In Christ,

Frank and Angie

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Ask Angie: Hi, I read the article about couples remarrying their first spouse. I have been married and divorced three times. Needless to say my walk with the Lord has not followed the path he intended for me. I am now at a good place in my walk and personal relationship with God and I want to do his will. My first husband and I have started talking again and I could see something developing, but we have both been remarried. Does Deuteronomy 24:1-4 still apply, that our remarriage would be an abomination to

God? Or did Jesus' sacrifice abolish that? Thank you for any advice and words of wisdom you can provide.

Marriage Guidance: Let's see what Jesus says in Matthew 19: They said unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He said unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts allowed you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

Just because Moses a mere man allowed for divorce does not mean it is ok for couples to divorce in the eyes of God. Moses was not God. Moses only did what he thought he had to do to somehow control the ever-growing unbelief in the community.

Jesus said **"From the beginning (Abraham days) it was not so"**. Men may have left their wives or had many wives but there was NO divorce. God established marriage to be an oneness between a man and a wife in the physical and emotional sense, **"Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"**.

Moses could not control the people—they were faithless! Husbands were literally throwing their wives out into the street with absolutely nothing but the clothes on their back! Moses felt compelled to do something so these women would not suffer so...and that is how and why the "bill of divorcement" came along. **DIVORCE TODAY IS FOR UNBELIEVERS AND HARDENED HEARTS. Nothing has changed with the bill of divorce.**

If we were to live in Moses day today that would mean every person who has committed adultery and who will commit adultery will be stoned to death. So if that be so then why is Jesus here? Why did Jesus suffer and die for us? We have to put scripture into proper perspective. Many of the principles of the Old Testament may still apply today but in a different sense—in the spiritual. In Moses days there was no such thing as forgiveness—they did not know how to forgive.

In the old days it was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but today this does not apply.

Today we have Jesus!

Jesus came to fulfill the Old Testament Law!!

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

How Did Jesus Fulfill the Law (10 Commandments)?

NO DIVORCE: It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: Matthew 5:31

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery. Matthew 5:32

OLD LAW BEFORE JESUS: The bill of divorcement was specifically constructed for the hardened hearts or rather unbelievers, as it is today. The law was that a man had to give his wife a “bill of divorcement” rather than throw her in the streets to be raped and beaten. This actually stopped much of these unbelieving men to stop treating their wives like an animal’s because now they couldn’t just throw them out in the streets or they too would be liable for such cruelty. Getting a bill of divorcement was a long process that they had to go through so many of them simply learned to live together as husband and wife.

Law Fulfilled by Jesus: *Jesus is saying that when you push divorce on your spouse you are causing him or her to commit adultery and if you marry a divorced person you are also committing adultery.* If you profess to be a Christ-one then this is clearly something you should look into. A man or woman of Christ has been given all of the principles to live happily married lives together as long as they both shall live. It’s not rocket science either; it’s just having and creating a Christ-centered marriage. If a Christian does not put Christ in the center of his or her life—there will be hardened hearts, which leads to the “bill of divorcement” that Moses created.

God HATES divorce! Jesus shows us how to love others unconditionally and forgive our spouse rather than seek vengeance and divorce. Jesus teaches us that the ROOT CAUSE of adultery is when we allow ourselves to have lustful thoughts and thinking in our hearts. A perfect example of this is to view pornography—it not only ruins your marriage but the spiritual man or woman who is addicted to it—it causes perverted thinking and causes a lot of spiritual issues within the addicted person. All addictions are insidious, not just alcoholism.

The Law has been fulfilled...now those who want to live for Christ just NEED to live it! **There is no divorce in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Root cause of divorce is a hardened heart and not knowing Jesus.**

ADULTERY: We all know that we should not commit adultery? But in the days before Jesus no one knew how to have faith and SPIRITUALLY keep from being tempted. Today those in Christ do not commit adultery BECAUSE of their spiritual relationship with Christ. Christ lives in them and helps them from giving in to their temptations.

It is not enough to just know the law...you must be born again to be given the “power of Christ” to NOT lust in your heart.

Old Law Before Jesus: You have heard that it was said by them of old time, **You shall not commit adultery: Matthew 5:27**

Fulfilled Law by Jesus: **But I say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman (or man) to lust after her (him) has committed adultery with her (him) already in his (her) heart.**

Jesus fulfills the law by teaching us how to live our lives. If it were not for Jesus teaching us how to love others rather than lust after others, everyone today would be committing adultery and other lustful acts. The whole world would be Sodom and Gomorrah.

As it is now we know **through FAITH in Christ** that we do not NEED to seek the pleasures of life in the world because we know that is not where contentment and happiness is found. **A Godly man or woman learns through love and forgiveness how to seek pleasure from their own husband or wife rather than outside the marriage.** This is the ONE FLESH of marriage. A husband's body belongs to his wife and the wife's body belongs to her husband.

Married people should NEVER withhold their bodies from each other unless one of them is sick or the wife is on her period. Sexual intimacy is an important aspect of marriage. If there is a problem in the bedroom, you both need to come together in prayer and seek guidance and wisdom from Jesus Christ. Remember: problems begin with wrong thinking and wrong thinking leads to emotional and physical strained relations.

When one of them has relations outside the marriage it causes strained relations between them and much animosity, which is not how believers should be leading their marriage. You see one lustful thought leads to doing things that are against Christ-like living. Divorce is caused by unbelief!

Today if a man or woman commits adultery they are forgiven if they STOP lusting in their heart and seek Jesus Christ and place God first in their life over their own selfish pleasures.

MURDER: Just like adultery we all know that we should not commit murder. But here again, Jesus fulfills the law by going a step further. He teaches us how to live by His teachings and through Him by going to the root cause of murder---hatred and anger.

Old Law Before Jesus You have heard that it was said by them of old time, **You shall not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: Matthew 5:21**

Fulfilled law by Jesus: **But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Matthew 5:22**

People without the love of Christ have hatred and bitterness in their heart and they are the ones who end up committing violent acts. **Christ's teachings are not to keep us from enjoying life and having fun –they are there to teach us “how to live our lives in enjoyment and**

contentment”! No one is truly content without Jesus Christ. **WE NEED GOD!** Without HIM we are nothing and can never be nothing for Him.

RETALIATION or VENGEANCE = DIVORCE

Law before Jesus: You have heard that it has been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: Matthew 5:38

How Jesus fulfilled the Law: **But I say unto you,** That you resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matthew 5:39

And if any man will sue you at the law, and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.
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And whosoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two.41

Give to him that asks you, and from him that would borrow of you turn not away. 42

If Christians are NOT living the fulfilled law of today than they are not followers of Christ Christians—they are following something else!

Love Your Enemies

Old Law BEFORE Jesus: You have heard that it has been said, You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. Matthew 5:43

How Jesus Fulfills the Law: **But I say unto you, Love your enemies,** bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who spitefully use you, and persecute you. Matthew 5:44

If any of you reading this are unhappy inside of yourselves, you must go to Christ and ask Him to help you with your feelings of anger, bitterness and resentment. Seek forgiveness for yourself so you can then forgive others who trespass against you. In marriage this needs to be done on a daily basis. Dissimulation in marriage is love without forgiveness or rather retaliation and anger.

SEEK Christ today by letting go of anger, unforgiveness, bitterness and resentment. Give **it** to the **ONLY** one who can give you the contentment that you are seeking. God will wipe it away from your heart and mind, but you have to sincerely want to get rid of it.

Don't let anger, lust, or addictions keep you from enjoying your life in Jesus Christ. Be real, Be true and be Sincere. Walk in faith and keep God at the top of your priority list in **ALL THINGS!**

Remarry your first husband and treat each other in the same way you yourself would like to be treated. **TRUE, REAL and SINCERE LOVE** is without dissimulation!

As you can see Jesus has fulfilled all the laws in every way, showing us that if walk in that fulfillment (follow Him) there is NO Divorce! **All the old laws have been fulfilled through Christ's coming and being our Leader and Guide for Righteous Christian Living!!!!**

The old laws have not been abolished or abandoned, but rather fulfilled through Christ our LORD and SAVIOR!

According to Christ's coming and fulfilling the law, remarriage to your first and *only TRUE husband* would be NOT causing the other to commit adultery and would also keep you both from committing adultery—**that is the fulfillment of the law!** So then by remarrying your *first and only husband* you will be following the fulfillment of Christ's teachings.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all of these things will be added unto you."-- Matthew 6:33

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