

Angie's Marriage Column ~ August 25, 2011

Three Questions about Divorce and Remarriage

- 1) My Husband is Divorced, is He committing Adultery with Me?
- 2) Am I an Adulteress?
- 3) Need Advice for Remarriage

Ask Angie: I've read some of your ministries online and I have a question. My husband past away 4 years ago and I remarried last year to a loving man. He is divorced and what I just read it says he's committing adultery. He is a Christian man and loves his family, but is it true that he is committing adultery?

Marriage Guidance: Marriage is serious business with God. It seems that people think that it's ok to leave (divorce) their spouse and remarry, rather than work on the marriage they already have established with God. We realize there may be a small percentage of marriages for one reason or another that just don't work out, but still, no matter what the reasons are, there is no divorcing our first "one flesh" spouse. If a spouse is a continual cheater or a husband or wife batterer then it is wise to separate yourself from such circumstances but you are not eligible for remarriage according to God.

Most marriages can be saved but most couples are not willing to sacrifice anything at all for one another. Selfish people like to use the term "irreconcilable differences", but the truth is they have irreconcilable differences with God and this is why they cannot reconcile to each other in marriage! In fact they are going after their desires and pleasures of the world rather than working on [restoring the marriage](#) that God blessed them with, their first "one flesh" marriage. More than half of all marriages in North America end in divorce and a third of those still married are harming their marriage in various ways. **This is irreconcilable differences with their Creator, not with each other!**

For those married couples who are still married to their first spouse all we can say is stop blaming each other and look at yourselves. For those people who have remarried a man or woman who is already married, pray, seek wisdom, pray, ask for wisdom, pray, trust in God, pray, ask for deliverance.

Most people walk into marriage based on feelings—they want to keep feeling good and when the marriage does not provide them with that "feel good" feeling they disregard the promises they made to one another—"till death do us part". Marriage is not about feeling good and getting love, it is about loving your spouse, even if you don't feel like it. India still has one of the lowest rates of divorce and yet, they walk into arranged marriages and learn to love because that is the culture. Ironically this is what scripture says, it does not say marry the one you love but to *love the one you marry!*

Your husband broke his promise and commitment to his first wife and is now living in adultery and you are considered a adulteress because he is still married. Scripture is pretty straightforward on divorce and remarriage. The biblical study has been done on "The Teaching of Jesus Christ on Divorce and

Remarriage: [Permanency of Marriage](#)” and it is a [FREE download](#) from our website at: http://www.heavenministries.org/heaven_ministries_books.htm

Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Luke 16:18

We cannot deny or look the other way about how God intends marriage to be. The fact is if we are married then we need to nurture and take care of our marriage by providing it with tender loving care every single day. LOVE THE ONE YOU MARRY! We must do what Jesus did for us...the relationship between Christ and the church is our living symbol of how we are to treat our relationships with others—with sincere and unconditional love. This involves sacrificing something of ourselves, according to our own circumstances, for our spouse!

We have numerous biblical based books and articles on the [Heaven Ministries](#) website that will answer all of your concerns for you about this particular issue. Please read these materials.

[Is Remarriage Adultery?](#)

[Permanency of Marriage – The Teachings of Jesus Christ on Divorce and Marriage](#)

[Am I Coveting my Husbands New Marriage Because I want Him Back?](#)

[How Should a Husband Love His Wife and a Wife Her Husband](#) (this ebook is written for spouses who are thinking of divorce or feel they are unhappy married to their “one flesh” spouse and constantly disrespect and disregard one another in the marriage.

Ask Angie: Dear Angie and Frank, years ago for a long time I struggle with the scriptures-seeing the truth but not coming to terms with it, because of circumstances-my husband has been married before-so I would be an adulteress right? I have children 10 and 2 year old--I could go to a shelter-it's a very difficult situation-will God show me what to do when I divorce-I'm weak very weak-my pastor said I should legal separate, because of his abuse-but i think i need to take a stand and divorce because its biblical as far as he is not mine husband only through papers-I feel like it's taking my arm off and saying swim-I feel like I'll sink--what should i do? My kids too?If you are gone to use this on you website please changed the name and you can edit it-----I think I lost sight of truth-and what should I do with a lot of friends who divorce and remarried -do I fellowship with them or do I ignore them ?

Marriage Guidance: It is difficult to come to terms with the truth, especially when we are women with very little money of our own, or no skills, and have low self-confidence in being alone and taking care of our children. But this is exactly where faith comes in. **If you have not yet watched [Judy's testimony](#) I highly suggest that you do.** It may break your heart to listen to her as she tells her story about leaving a marriage that God did not institute, but it will also give you the encouragement to follow God's heart, even in a situation that might hurt terribly. Doing what is right is not without sacrifice and many times, suffering. We do what is right because we

love God and have put our faith and trust in Him. Without having faith in our Creator, our Counselor, and our Provider we are left to our own worldly resources, which leaves us separated from God!

Yes, God will guide you and show you the way, but you must be patient and wait on Him rather than just do whatever you want and feel is the right thing to do. The whole idea of prayer is to have a personal relationship with God and to ask Him for the guidance you need to do His will and not your own. God will provide! He may not provide in the way you want or in the timing that you want, but He will provide you with the answers you need! You just have to stay faithful to His wisdom and guidance for your life and never stop TRUSTING in Him.

Should you fellowship with those who are living in an adulterous remarriage? By all means, yes! Once you know the truth and begin living the truth in your own life, it will be your chance to be an example to your friends and family. Please read the Heaven Ministries links above for more information and encouragement about what to do about divorce and remarriage.

Ask Angie: What advice would you give to the man and woman below who were both previously married to other parties, but are now divorced. Is it biblically possible for the man and woman below to marry in the eyes of God? The Man- married previously by marriage license in court house, not by a minister- divorced irreconcilable differences. The Woman- married twice previously by marriage license in court house, not by a minister - first and second divorce both for irreconcilable differences. Thanks and I look forward to hearing your opinion on the above mentioned matter.

Marriage Guidance: This is not my opinion or this marriage ministries opinion. As we have explained previously, the marriage guidance and encouragement we offer to people in our materials comes from the Word of God. Anyone who does not “understand” that God deems first marriage as “one flesh” covenant between Him and you, and that subsequent marriages as that of being adultery, is not really reading their bible or they are receiving incorrect information from their pastors or other.

I personally think that God has given us certain principles to live by for our own well being, and if we walk in a different way than he has already given us, consequences will ensue and cause us much pain and grief in our life. It seems at first glance strange to us that God would not allow remarriage, but when we think about the pain and hurt it causes everyone involved we see exactly why he chose to make remarriage adultery. Remarriage is selfish because it shows God that you care more about your life in the world than your life with Him. It is selfish because usually only one spouse wants to leave the marriage, while the other one wants to work on the marriage. Remarriage is selfish because it shows that we are unable to sacrifice or share ourselves unconditionally with another human being that God has blessed us with. *Remember: Do not marry the one you (think) you love, love the one you marry.*

It does not matter if you got married in a courthouse or on top of your roof; it doesn't matter if you did not get married by an officiating minister; and it does not matter if you cannot seem to get-along with your first “one flesh” spouse and that you signed a piece of paper saying you are divorced, in God's eyes you are and always will be married to your first spouse *unless* your spouse dies as in physical death!

Contemplate this: God cannot join you in “one flesh” with another person (for marriage) when you are already “one flesh” with your first spouse—it cannot be done! It would go against how God established marriage to be! It doesn’t matter if your first “one flesh” covenant spouse is a thief, an addict, or an abuser; they are still your spouse!

Think about this for a moment: If God could join you together with another in “one flesh” while your first spouse still lives that would be like saying, you are not a parent when you have children. It’s like saying you’re not married when you really are. If you gave a son or daughter up for adoption and if you never, ever saw or took care of that child, you would still be that child’s parent. In the same way, even if you sign some document that says you are not married to your first spouse anymore, you are still married to them, until death do you part. The state has no business in what God established but yet here they are changing God’s creation of marriage with a piece of paper. And many people are falling for it.

Please read the above links to the Heaven Ministries marriage materials above and also this link to important information. [What is a Defacto Marriage? Is it recognized by God?](#)

Adultery Defined three ways in Marriage

Instead of living our marriage by the One who created it, many of us manage our marriage through our own understanding. *And that is why we don’t see the blessings!* Today there are so many people suffering from adulterous marriages and they just don’t get it! They don’t understand why they are suffering? Many of these marriages suffer greatly under the affects of adultery by a spouse. When a spouse commits adultery it takes a forgiving heart to get past the hurt and pain that it can cause.

There are three ways adultery can be defined in a marriage. The number one way is when a spouse has sex with another person other than who they are married to. The second way, which most people don’t know about, is *by remarriage when their first marriage spouse is still living*. Scripture is very clear on this; it is stated four different times in the bible. Some Christians are living in adultery because they remarried while their first spouse still lives.

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. (Luke 16:18)

And thirdly when two people are in a de facto cohabitation marriage and one has sex with someone outside of this de facto marriage. According to God two people who live together and are having sex **are married**. You may not be married to the state because there is no record of the marriage, but God sees the record of your marriage in the way you live. Look at Adam and Eve! Did they have a record of their marriage? God considers a man and a woman married when they (1.) leave parents. (2.) promise to each other by living together, and (3.) by consummation of the relationship.

If we want to save our marriage there is only one thing we must do when a spouse commits the sin of adultery. We must make God the most important part of our life so we can have a forgiving heart. Then we must **continue on with our life in Christ**. Even if we are separated/state divorced from our spouse who committed adultery, we NEED to live our life as if we are still married because we are! Please watch

the [video below](#) for encouragement. In other words, people who are divorced from their first spouse are not single and eligible for marriage, according to God they are still married.

[Is Remarriage Adultery? What Does God Say?](#)

The truth is it is not a new spouse we need when our spouse commits adultery; it's a new perspective on life. We need to receive a new heart and mind. **The bottom line is we need healed!! And God is our healer!** A new spouse can't heal our soul. Only God can wipe away our past, purify our minds and make us new people in Christ for righteous and peaceful living *in* the kingdom of heaven. We cannot stress enough how important it is to have a personal relationship with God through Christ. Therefore, pray, pray, pray, and read scriptures for **God's will to be done** in your life and not your own!

I wrote this ebook to help couples through the healing process and work on their marriage rather than get a divorce. [How to Forgive And Love A Cheating Spouse](#)

May Christ's Peace and Truth be known to you!

In Christ,
Frank and Angie

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