

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for February 1, 1987**

**Marriage and Divorce**  
**Part 1**  
**Matthew 19:1-12**  
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**Matthew 9: 1-12** What is causing the great increase in divorce?

The family life has changed in recent years. Families have turned from time communicating together to times of watching television, working, sports, to all kinds of activities.

The way society views divorce has changed. The view of the acceptability of divorce.

We need to understand what the Bible says about marriage and divorce.

A. The setting:

Christ has finished His instructions to His disciples. His Galilean ministry is over. Christ is moving toward Jerusalem, toward the cross.

The Pharisees have been continually following Jesus trying to destroy Him.

B. The test:

Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason? What is the nature of the text?

The populous embraced the view of divorce for any reason and they are in an area under the control of Herod, who had John the Baptist beheaded for reprimanding Herod for living with his brother's wife who was also his niece.

C. The answer:

When God created, He created one man, one woman. There is no provision for divorce. God never created us with the intention of an option.

**Verse 5: “and shall be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh”**  
(glued together). cf. **Ephesians 5: 28-29**

**Verse 6:** God joins all marriages together, **“Let no man separate.”**