

Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for February 8, 1987

Marriage and Divorce  
Part 2  
Matthew 19:1-12  
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- A. The Setting
- B. The Test
- C. The Response
  
- D. The Clarification

The question of Moses and certificate of divorce is not spelled out in the books of the Law.

**Deuteronomy 24: 1-4:** Moses is not instructing concerning divorce but about remarriage. He acknowledges the “certificate of divorce.” Moses never commanded concerning divorce.

**Verse 8:** Marriage from the beginning. **1 Corinthians 11:3,** “**man is the head of a woman.**” By virtue of creation woman was made to be a helpmate of man.  
**Genesis 2:18:** When the two were together they were one, blended together in perfect harmony.

**Genesis 3:** the curse of pain in childbirth and the desire of woman to control the husband and of the husband to rule.

Israel’s response to the curse was to reduce God’s standards, harden their hearts and divorce for any reason.

Moses permitted divorce by not addressing it.