

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 1, 1987

Marriage and Divorce
Part 4
Matthew 19:1-12
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- A. The Setting (vv.1-2)
- B. The Test (v. 3)
- C. The Response (vv. 4-6)
- D. The Clarification (vv. 7-12)

1. Clarification of what Moses said.
2. Clarification of what Jesus said.
 - a. General Rule
 - b. Exception: Immorality

Jesus is talking about valid marriage. The exception gives the freedom to divorce but God deals with an adulterous Israel in Hosea with long suffering and forbearance. In **Jeremiah 3:8**, God gives Israel a certificate of divorce after 200 years of adultery.

3. Clarification of what the disciples said.

Implies being single is better. **1 Corinthians 7: 32-34** tells us that it is easier to serve the Lord when single than when married.

Verse 11, Jesus says “not all men can accept this statement.” Few can accept being single.