

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Malachi 2:10-16

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...the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth... Malachi 2:14

1. God says be careful whom you marry.

*Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves, **and has married the daughter of a foreign god.***

Malachi 2:11

A. A Christian is not to marry a non-Christian.

Do not be bound together with unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 6:14

*A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband Is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, **only in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:39***

B. Mixed marriages create spiritual problems.

For it came about when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

1 Kings 11:4

2. God says be faithful to your marriage vows.

Here is another thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because he pays no attention to your offerings and doesn't accept them with pleasure. You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows. For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife." Malachi 2:13-14, 16 NLT

A. Divorce breaks your vows.

When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! Ecclesiastes 5:4

B. Divorce hurts the family.

C. Divorce goes against God's purposes.

Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15 NLT

D. Divorce is permissible in certain instances.

And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery. Matthew 19:9

Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15

E. Divorce is not the unpardonable sin.

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:6-7*

Walk in the light with God so He can bless your life.