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Malachi 2:10-16

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What does God say about marriage and divorce?

1. God says be careful who you marry.

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

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

B. Mixed marriages cause trouble.

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

C. You will need to clothe yourself with His righteousness.

2. God says be faithful to your vows.

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 your family.

C. Divorce goes against God's purpose.

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 yourself; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15 NLT

D. Divorce is permitted in cases of immorality or desertion.

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

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.

...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 1:7

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