

**The Question of Divorce
Mark 10:1-12 (page 702)**

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The Pharisees' Question Involved:

(1) an u l t e r i o r motive. (v 2)

- The indication is that their intent was h o s t i l e with Jesus' entrapment in mind.

(2) a m i s i n t e r p r e t a t i o n of Scripture. (v 4)

- Deuteronomy 24:1-5 is a c o n c e s s i o n, not a command.

Jesus' Response Involved:

(1) The r e a s o n for Moses' Concession – the r e b e l l i o u s Attitude Toward the Will of God. (v 5)

- The regulation was meant to r e s t r a i n sin and control its c o n s e q u e n c e s.

(2) God's P u r p o s e Regarding Marriage (vs 6-12)

- Marriage is God's d e s i g n. (v 6)
- God's i n t e n t i o n for marriage. (v 7)
- God's p u r p o s e for marriage. (v 8)
- God intended marriage to be a heterosexual, monogamous, p e r m a n e n t relationship. (v 9-12)

Other Scriptural Qualifications Regarding This Issue of Divorce and Re-Marriage:

1. Marital I n f i d e l i t y. (Matt 19:9)
2. D e s e r t i o n By a Non-Christian Spouse. (1 Cor 7:15)
3. S e p a r a t i o n Between Christians. (1 Cor 7:10-11)

Our Response as a Church...

- To continually u p h o l d God's intent and purpose for marriage
- At the same time be a church of g r a c e, acceptance and f o r g i v e n e s s.