

Divorce and Remarriage

Lesson 10

God's Heart	Divorce and Remarriage	Hosea/Ezekiel	Practical
<p>Mal 2:16 - God hates divorce</p> <p>Matt 19 - God did not design divorce - His design was 1 man - 1 woman til death do them part</p> <p>covenant relationship</p> <p>man and woman were to cleave to one another</p> <p>what God has joined together let no man separate</p> <p>Eph 5:22-33 - marriage relationship was an earthly picture to teach a heavenly principle about Christ's sacrificial love for the church</p> <p>I Cor 7:1-5 - a time of separation for prayer and fasting</p>	<p>God allows an exception clause not as a loophole but protection for the victim - immorality is the grounds (Matt 19:9)</p> <p>If the unbelieving partner leaves - let them leave - you are no longer bound (I Cor 7:10-16)</p> <p>Believer is not to be the initiator of leaving</p> <p>If the believer leaves without grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - remain unmarried - or be reconciled <p>Remarriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - innocent party of immorality - innocent party of desertion - if a spouse dies 	<p>God tells Hosea to marry a prostitute and have children</p> <p>Children's names are representing God's judgments</p> <p>she goes back into harlotry</p> <p>hedge of thorns placed around her - frustrated</p> <p>Hosea bought her back from the slave block and taken home</p> <p>Ez 16 - God's marriage to Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God sees Israel in the field - He adorned her with good things - she became proud - she began to play the harlot - she gave all that God gave to her to her lovers - including the children - God lets her wallow in her sin and He waits - she will return in shame for her actions - God forgives and takes her back 	<p>God's heart is always on reconciliation</p> <p>We need to go forward - follow God's leading allowing Him to soften our hearts</p> <p>Reach out in kindness - knowing the hurts</p> <p>need to be willing to give God's truth</p> <p>keep our focus fixed on Jesus - we need to offer Him as hope</p> <p>This is a long hard process</p>