



WIFE OF NOBLE CHARACTER. WHO CAN FIND? SHE IS WORTH FAR MORE THAN RUBIES. HER HUSBAND HAS FULL CO

Abraham And The Eunuch

Matthew 19 & Genesis 22

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1ST Question From The Pharisees

- "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" **Matthew 19:3 (p 1134)**
 - Not an honest question - they were "testing Him"
- Jesus' answer was clear **Matthew 19:4-6 (p 1134)**
 - He appealed to scripture
 - He appealed to authority
 - He appealed to God

NOTICE JESUS WAS FINISHED WITH HIS ANSWER; HE ANSWERED THE QUESTION! "NO!"



2ND Question From The Pharisees

- "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" **Matthew 19:7 (p 1134)**
 - This was the TEST! Trying to TRAP Jesus.
- Jesus' answer was clear **Matthew 19:8-9 (p 1134)**
 - Allowance under Law of Moses because of their hearts
 - He again appeals to authority
 - Jesus restates the EXCEPTION

NOTICE THE DISCIPLES UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY WHAT JESUS HAD JUST SAID! (V10)



Summary Of “The Test”

≈ Can you get a **DIVORCE** for **ANY** reason? **NO**

- *NO MATTER WHAT THE LAWS OF THE LAND ALLOW!*
- *NO MATTER THE MOOD OF SOCIETY!*
- *NO MATTER WHAT THE PREACHER SAYS!*

≈ The only exception for **DIVORCE** is sexual immorality!

- **NO OTHER REASON IS ACCEPTABLE IN THE EYES OF GOD!**

Mark 6:18 (p 1158)

Matthew 19 (p 1134)

- The REACTION of the disciples **verse 10**
- The ANSWER of Jesus **verses 11-12**
 - Not everyone will accept the will of God
 - Some are born without natural affections to women
 - Some are made that way by men

≈ *SOME ARE WILLING TO FOREGO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH A WOMAN "FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN'S SAKE"!*

HE WHO IS ABLE TO ACCEPT IT, LET HIM ACCEPT IT!



What Does This Mean For Herod?

It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife

Mark 6:18 (p 1158)

- How does Matthew 19 apply?
 - He had no lawful right to Herodias!
 - He was in an immoral union/relationship!
 - He needed to become a EUNUCH for the Lord!

But wait – is that fair; can that be too much to ask; what if they love one another; how can God not expect them to find happiness with one another?

Notice The Context Of **Matthew 19 (p 1134)**

- The question about divorce **vv 3, 7**
- The answers by Jesus **vv 4-6; 8-9**
- The reaction of the disciples **vv 10-12**
- **THE LITTLE CHILDREN** **vv 13-15**

It will take the heart of a child to accept this teaching

Matthew 18:1-5 (p 1133)



Notice The Context Of **Matthew 19 (p 1134)**

- **THE RICH YOUNG RULER**

- He asks the right question **v 16**
- He is told what to do **vv 17-21**
- He goes away sorrowful **v 22**
- WHY DID HE GO AWAY?
- WHY DID HE LEAVE JESUS?

HE IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP

SOMETHING VERY PRECIOUS TO HIM TO SERVE THE LORD!



But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

(Matthew 19:26)



Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. *Hebrews 13:4*
(p 1384)

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Is God asking any more of us than what He asked of Abraham in *Genesis 22* (p 21)?

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BAPTISM



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