

## Honoring God in Marriage: God's Plan for Life and Love

Malachi 2:10-17

### 1 CONTEXT (Malachi 2:10-12)

"Deal Treacherously"

"Abomination"

"Profane the Sanctuary"

Inter-marriage / Idolatry (Ezra 9:1-15, 10:1-17)

### 2 PROBLEM Text: Concern with Malachi 2:16

Compare versions – Confusion

Does not change theology on marriage

### 3 Marriage = ONENESS - A shared life (Malachi 2: 13-16)

Marriage is a COVENANT (2:14)

The FIRST institution created by God (Genesis 2:18-24)

Jesus' FIRST miracle performed at a wedding (John 2:1-11)

God HIMSELF, not a ceremony, makes us ONE (Matt. 19:3-6)

A picture of God's love for the CHURCH (Eph. 5:22-33)

### 4 Divorce - Attempting to split \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.

Definition of "Divorce":

14c., "legal dissolution of the bond of marriage"

from Latin *divortium* "separation, dissolution of marriage"

from *divertere* "to separate, leave one's spouse, turn aside"

\_\_\_\_\_ part of God's Design

"Deal Treacherously" (Mal. 2:16)

"Allowed" with OT laws to protect women from capricious  
divorce (Deut. 24:1-4)

"Allowed", not commanded, in the NT (Matt. 19:7-9)

### 5 Culture - Deconstruction and Divorce (Malachi 2:17)

Re-writing the Bible

Misinterpreting Scriptural \_\_\_\_\_

The world of the OT marriage

The world of the NT marriage (Corinth, Rome)

(1 Cor. 7:10-13, 17-19, 21-22, 27)

" \_\_\_\_\_ She respected me like she's commanded to..."

" \_\_\_\_\_ He actually loved me like Christ loved the Church..."

APPLICATION:

BEFORE you get engaged...

HONORING your marriage...

SALVAGING your marriage...

RECOVERING from divorce...