

Divorce: Not Allowed

Matthew 19:6 “Wherefore they are **no more twain, but one flesh**. What therefore **God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**”

7 “They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?”

8 “He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but **from the beginning it was not so.**”

Although most people have seen the words “No Trespassing”, many interpret those two simple words differently. For a few years, for example, the border between America and Mexico became a major argument. Many saw “No Trespassing” as allowable if you didn't get caught. Even when many were caught “trespassing”, the American government overlooked this crime. Thus “illegals” were made legal citizens despite not following the rules.

Many Christians view God's “No Trespassing” sign for marriage the same way. If there is a way to get around God's “No Trespassing” sign for divorce, most Christians allow the crime and ignore the sin. **The moment a man and a woman are joined in matrimony, though, God declares that couple “no more twain, but one flesh.”** Even if man sees them as two people, God knows that the couple is one. **To separate this unity of flesh causes irreparable damage just like separating any other part of human flesh.**

Man, however, sees “No Trespassing” for divorce and tries to find a way around it. **Like the Jews, man points to an authority figure like a preacher or Moses.** God, though, points us right back to His Word, “What therefore **God** hath joined together, let **not man** put asunder.” It matters not what man thinks, “from the beginning it was not so.”

Jesus revealed why Moses allowed for divorce: “because of the hardness of your hearts.” A hard heart never accepts “no” for an answer. A stiff neck bucks at the rules. And even today, there are hard-hearted, stiff-necked Christians who really don't want to obey God's “No Trespassing” signs for divorce. Many disagree with Jesus' assessment, but the fact remains the same. Man looks on the outside and sees “good” people who just need to get out of a bad marriage by divorce. God looks on the heart (I Sam. 16:7) and states that a hard heart chooses divorce.

Disclaimer: Some argue that holding so firmly to such beliefs on divorce and remarriage will result in anger and mistreatment of divorcees. Because we are all sinners, love is always a struggle. Whether one believes in divorce or not, loving our neighbor is always an issue. However, “God is love” and God also “hateth putting away.” **Those who stick closely to scripture can hate the sin and love the sinner through the power of the Holy Spirit.**