

MATTHEW – LESSON THIRTEEN

I. JESUS HEALS AND TEACHES IN PEREA (19:1-20:16).

- A. Jesus responds to Pharisees' question regarding divorce, and teaches them and His disciples His law concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage (19:1-12).
1. Pharisees' question: "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause?" (v.3).
 2. Jesus responds with God's plan for the man and woman from the beginning(v.4-5).
 3. Jesus concludes: What God has joined together let not man put asunder (v.6).
 4. Pharisee's rejoinder: Why did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement? (v. 7).
 5. Jesus' response: Because of the Jews' hardness of heart, God suffered them to put away their wives – but from the beginning it has not been so (v.8).
 6. Jesus teaches that "fornication" is the only cause for a man to divorce his wife (v.9).
 - a. If a man puts away wife, but not for the cause of fornication, and he then remarries, he commits adultery.
 - b. One who marries a woman who is put away commits adultery.
 7. Disciples conclude that with such restrictions on the husband and wife, it is therefore not expedient to marry (v. 10).
 8. Jesus' teaching regarding marriage must be received by all except by those unable: those born as, made into, or have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom's sake (v.11-12).
- B. Jesus receives little children (19:13-15).
1. Disciples rebuke those bringing children to Jesus.
 2. Jesus lays hands on the children and prays.
 3. Jesus reminds disciples that those who are like children belong to the kingdom of heaven.
- C. Jesus' discussion with the young rich man concerning inheriting eternal life (19:16-26).
1. Rich man went away sorrowful.
 2. Jesus teaches disciples concerning the perils of riches.
- D. Peter asks Jesus concerning future for him and the apostles who have left all and followed Him (19:27-20:16).
1. Apostles will be sitting on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (19:27-28)
 2. Followers will receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life (19:29)
 3. Jesus speaks a parable about the laborers in the Vineyard to illustrate the principle of "the last shall be first – the first shall be last (19:30-20:16).

QUESTIONS:

1. What Scriptural designation is given for the area of Perea?
2. What was the attitude of the Pharisees behind their question concerning divorce?
3. Marriage from the beginning has been for what two people?
4. Before a man cleaves to his wife, he must first do what?
5. When two people, who have a right to one another, marry, what does God do?
6. Why should man not put asunder a marriage?
7. What does “put asunder” mean?
8. What did Moses command regarding divorce in the Old Testament?
9. This command was given because:
 - (a). God did not mind divorce if love had been lost in the marriage.
 - (b). men’s hearts were hardened towards their wives and were putting them away.
 - (c). men’s hearts were hardened towards God in that they wanted to put away their wives for any cause.
 - (d). both (a) and (b).
 - (e). both (b) and (c).
10. What has been God’s plan for marriage from the beginning?
11. How does Jesus’ law of marriage honor God’s plan from the beginning?

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12. “Whosoever puts away his wife and marries another commits _____.”
13. What is the “exception” to this law?
14. “Fornication” is
 - (a.) any act that seeks sexual gratification outside the marriage relationship.
 - (b.) having illicit sexual intercourse with anyone other than one’s husband or wife.
15. Give a reason why “whosoever” in Matthew 19:9 applies ONLY to the Christian:
16. Give a reason why “whosoever” applies to the Christian and non-Christian alike:
17. If you marry a woman divorced from her husband because she committed adultery, you will not commit adultery if you marry her because she is not *bound* before God to her husband *who Scripturally put her away*. (T) (F). Be prepared to explain your answer:
18. What was the response of Jesus’ disciples to Jesus’ teaching regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage?
19. Jesus would never expect one who has been divorced for another reason than *fornication* to keep from marrying another if he or she will burn with passion in the days ahead. (T) (F)
20. Who does Jesus have in mind when he says, “not all men can receive this saying”?

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21. Why were children being brought to Jesus?
22. What was Jesus' reaction to his disciples rebuking those who were bringing the children to Jesus?
23. What was Jesus impressing on the mind of the young rich man who addressed Him as "good " teacher?
24. Jesus told the young rich man to keep what in order to inherit eternal life?
25. What did the young rich man *lack*?
26. As it is impossible for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, it is impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. (T) (F).
27. What does Peter and Jesus understand as being involved in following Jesus?
28. Explain what the apostles will be doing in the "regeneration"?
29. What is the main teaching of the parable of the laborers in the vineyard?