

MARRIAGE MATTERS

MALACHI 2:10-16

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever
- divorce without biblical justification

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever

Nehemiah 13:23–24

In those days I also saw that the Jews had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah....

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever

2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever

1 Corinthians 7:12–13

...if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever
- divorce without biblical justification
 - divorce is never commanded, just permitted

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

Deuteronomy 24:1

When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house...

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- **Shammai** – “an indecent matter”
= divorce for adultery
- **Hillel** – “indecentcy or another matter”
= divorce for any matter at all

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever
- divorce without biblical justification
 - divorce is never commanded, just permitted

adultery (“immorality,” “indecentcy”)

abandonment

abuse/endangerment

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

- marriage of a believer to unbeliever
- divorce without biblical justification
 - divorce is never commanded, just permitted
 - divorce is not the final word
 - if you are married, fight for your marriage

MARRIAGE MATTERS

- ✓ marriage is the most vivid model of Christ's love
- ✓ marriage is the foundational institution of a healthy society

MARRIAGE MATTERS

MALACHI 2:10-16