

Marriage Is Honorable

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

Pro 18:22 *He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.*

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: *It is good for a man not to touch a woman.* **2** Nevertheless, *because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.* **3** *Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.* **4** *The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.* **5** *Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

Heb 13:4 *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.* **5** Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

Pro 5:18 let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. **19** *let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.*

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says *that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,* **2** *speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,* **3** *forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

1Co 7:6 *But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment.* **7** For I wish that all men were even as I myself. *But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.* **8** *But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;* **9** *but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.* **10** *Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A*

wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,' 5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH' ? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Gen 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. **21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. **22** Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. **23** And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Mat 19:7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." **10** His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry." **11** But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: 12 For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

The laws of men have changed these things in error to allow divorce for any reason. They are acting presumptuously against God's law.

Deu 17:10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And you shall **be careful to do according to all** that they order you. **11** According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; **you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they**

pronounce upon you. 12 Now ***the man who acts presumptuously*** and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel. **13** ***And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.*** ---- **17** ***Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away;*** nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. **18** ***"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19*** ***And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20*** ***that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.***

1Ki 11:1 ***But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— 2*** ***from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods."*** ***Solomon clung to these in love. 3*** ***And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. 4*** ***For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.***

Separation not divorces.

1Co 7:12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: ***If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13*** ***And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14*** ***For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15*** ***But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. 16*** ***For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? 17*** ***But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. 18*** ***Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. 19*** ***Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.***

Rom 2:25 For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. **26** Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? **27** And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, *even with your written code* and circumcision, *are* a transgressor of the law? **28** For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; **29** ***but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.***

1Co 7:20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. **21** Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it*. **22** For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise ***he who is called while free is Christ's slave.*** **23** **You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.** **24** Brethren, let each one remain with God in that *state* in which he was called. **25** Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy *has made* trustworthy. **26** I suppose therefore that this is good ***because of the present distress***—that *it is* good for a man to remain as he is: **27** Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. **28** ***But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned.*** Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you. **29** But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, **30** those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, **31** and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away. **32** But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. **33** But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. **34** There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. ***The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit.*** But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please *her* husband. **35** And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction. **36** ***But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.*** **37** Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well. **38** So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better. **39** A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at

liberty to be married to whom she wishes, **only in the Lord.** 40 But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment—and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

Rom 6:16 Do you not *know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?* **17** But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. **18** And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Mat 5:26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny. **27** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.**' **28** But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

Don't play the blame game as Adam and Eve did. It's not my fault.

Gen 3:12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." **13** And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life." **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

**Questions or request for Bible studies: Contact Mt Olive Church of Christ
Mt Olive AL. 205-631-9182 Or contact me, Michael R. Rouse. 205-607- 4139
avoidsin2@gmail.com**

My webpage mikesbiblestudies.com