

This article will present what the Bible says about honorable marriage. How can we show that we honor marriage? And how can we uphold what the Bible says about divorce and separation?

(Mark 10:9) Therefore, what God has yoked together, let no man put apart."

Paragraph 1

(1 Samuel 2:30) "That is why the word of Jehovah the God of Israel is: "I did indeed say that your house and the house of your forefather would always walk before me." But now Jehovah declares: "It is unthinkable, on my part, because those honoring me I will honor, but those despising me will be treated with contempt."

(Proverbs 3:9) Honor Jehovah with your valuable things, With the firstfruits of all your produce;

(Revelation 4:11) "You are worthy, Jehovah our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they came into existence and were created."

(Romans 12:10) In brotherly love have tender affection for one another. In showing honor to one another, take the lead.

(Romans 13:7) Render to all their dues: to the one who calls for the tax, the tax; to the one who calls for the tribute, the tribute; to the one who calls for fear, such fear; to the one who calls for honor, such honor.

Paragraph 2

(Hebrews 13:4) Let marriage be honorable among all, and let the marriage bed be without defilement, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers.

Paragraph 3

(Mark 10:2-12) And Pharisees approached, intent on testing him, and they asked whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. 3 He answered them: "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said: "Moses allowed the writing of a certificate of dismissal and divorcing her." 5 But Jesus said to them: "Out of regard for your hard-heartedness, he wrote this commandment for you. 6 However, from the beginning of creation, 'He made them male and female. 7 For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother, 8 and the two will be one flesh,' so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore, what God has yoked together, let no man put apart." 10 When they were again in the house, the disciples began to question him about this. 11 He said to them: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, 12 and if ever a woman after divorcing her husband marries another, she commits adultery."

(Genesis 2:24) That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Paragraph 5

(Romans 7:1-3) Can it be that you do not know, brothers, (for I am speaking to those who know law) that the Law is master over a man as long as he lives? 2 For instance, a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is alive; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. 3 So, then, while her husband is living, she would be called an adulteress if she became another man's. But if her husband dies, she is free from his law, so that she is not an adulteress if she becomes another man's.

Paragraph 6

(Exodus 21:9, 10) If he selects her for his son, he is to grant her the rights of a daughter. 10 If he takes another wife for himself, the sustenance, the clothing, and the marriage due of the first wife are not to be diminished.

Paragraph 7

(Deuteronomy 24:1) "If a man marries a woman but she does not please him because he found something indecent about her, he must write out a certificate of divorce for her, hand it to her, and dismiss her from his house.

(Deuteronomy 23:14) For Jehovah your God is walking about within your camp to deliver you and to hand over your enemies to you, and your camp must be holy, so that he does not see anything indecent in you and turn away from accompanying you.

(Matthew 19:3) And Pharisees came to him intent on testing him, and they asked: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on every sort of grounds?"

Paragraph 8

(Malachi 2:14-16) And you say, 'For what reason?' It is because Jehovah has acted as a witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and your wife by covenant. 15 But there was one who did not do it, for he had what remained of the spirit. And what was that one seeking? The offspring of God. So guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and do not deal treacherously with the wife of your youth. 16 For I hate divorce," says Jehovah the God of Israel, "and the one who covers his garment with violence," says Jehovah of armies. "And guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and you must not deal treacherously.

(Genesis 2:24) That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

(Matthew 19:6) So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has yoked together, let no man put apart."

Paragraph 9

(Mark 10:11, 12) He said to them: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, 12 and if ever a woman after divorcing her husband marries another, she commits adultery."

(Luke 16:18) "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Paragraph 10

(Matthew 19:9) I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except on the grounds of sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery."

(Matthew 5:31, 32) "Moreover, it was said: 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 However, I say to you that everyone divorcing his wife, except on account of sexual immorality, makes her a subject for adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Paragraph 11

(1 Corinthians 7:14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in relation to his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in relation to the brother; otherwise, your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

Paragraph 12

(Hosea 1:2, 3) When Jehovah started to speak his word through Ho-se'a, Jehovah said to Ho-se'a: "Go, marry a woman of prostitution and have children of prostitution, because by prostitution the land has turned completely away from following Jehovah." 3 So he went and married Go'mer the daughter of Dib-la'im, and she conceived and bore him a son.

(Hosea 3:1, 2) Then Jehovah said to me: "Go once again, love the woman who is loved by another man and is committing adultery, just as Jehovah loves the people of Israel while they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes." 2 So I purchased her for myself for 15 silver pieces and a ho'mer measure and a half of barley.

Paragraph 13

(Hosea 3:3) Then I said to her: "You will remain mine for many days. You must not commit prostitution, and you must not have relations with another man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

(Hosea 1:11) And the people of Judah and of Israel will be gathered together into unity and will choose for themselves one head and go up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jez're-el.

(Hosea 3:3-5) Then I said to her: "You will remain mine for many days. You must not commit prostitution, and you must not have relations with another man, and I will behave the same way toward you." 4 It is because for a long time the people of Israel will dwell without a king, without a prince, without a sacrifice, without a pillar, and without an eph'od and teraphim statues. 5 Afterward the people of Israel will come back and look for Jehovah their God and for David their king, and they will come trembling to Jehovah and to his goodness in the final part of the days.

(1 Corinthians 7:3) Let the husband give to his wife her due, and let the wife also do likewise to her husband.

(1 Corinthians 7:5) Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent for an appointed time, so that you may devote time to prayer and may come together again, in order that Satan may not keep tempting you for your lack of self-control.

Paragraph 14

(Romans 7:18-23) For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, there dwells nothing good; for I have the desire to do what is fine but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good that I wish, but the bad that I do not wish is what I practice. 20 If, then, I do what I do not wish, I am no longer the one carrying it out, but it is the sin dwelling in me. 21 I find, then, this law in my case: When I wish to do what is right, what is bad is present with me. 22 I really delight in the law of God according to the man I am within, 23 but I see in my body another law warring against the law of my mind and leading me captive to sin's law that is in my body.

(1 Corinthians 7:10, 11) To the married people I give instructions, not I but the Lord, that a wife should not separate from her husband. 11 But if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or else be reconciled with her husband; and a husband should not leave his wife.

Paragraph 16

(1 Corinthians 7:12, 13) But to the others I say, yes, I, not the Lord: If any brother has an unbelieving wife and she is agreeable to staying with him, let him not leave her; 13 and if a woman has an unbelieving husband and he is agreeable to staying with her, let her not leave her husband.

Paragraph 18

(1 Corinthians 7:14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in relation to his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in relation to the brother; otherwise, your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

(1 Corinthians 7:16) For wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Or, husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?

(1 Peter 3:1, 2) In the same way, you wives, be in subjection to your husbands, so that if any are not obedient to the word, they may be won without a word through the conduct of their wives, 2 because of having been eyewitnesses of your chaste conduct together with deep respect.

Paragraph 19

(Ephesians 5:31) "For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh."

(Ephesians 5:33) Nevertheless, each one of you must love his wife as he does himself; on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband.