

Mark 10:1-16
God's Divine Plan

Mark 10 is an encouraging word about marriage.

Mark 10 is NOT a condemning word about divorce.

If you have suffered through the pain of a divorce. May God bless you today

God loves you as much now, as ever.

This a message of love and hope for those who have been divorced, and a caution for those who have not.

Gen. 1:27 So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

Gen 2:24 This is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

EPHESIANS 5:31-32 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the

Famous rabbinic debate between Hillel and Shammai regarding divorce centered on the interpretation of Deuteronomy 24:1 phrase "some unseemly thing/uncleaness" Shammai's strict view held that only adultery constituted a valid ground for divorce.

Hillel's more lenient view allowed divorce for any reason, such as a woman burning his food or exhibiting any behavior the husband found offensive.

While they were arguing over the thoughts of men.

Jesus points them to the plans of God.
And I will point you to those same plans.

Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’”

Jesus asked:

“what did Moses command”

Their response:

“Moses permitted”

It was because of the hardness of man's heart that divorce was permitted, but it is not God's plan.

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V5-9 Jesus explains divorce did not come from Moses command nor God's Word, divorce emanated from the hardness of the hearts of people.

Jesus went past Moses and went straight to God's original plan.

Mark 10:8 $1+1=1$

Proverbs 18:22 Finding a wife is a good thing and brings favor from the Lord.

Genesis 2:18 It is not good for man to be alone, I will a helper suitable for him.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.