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**Hate Divorce?**





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Marriage is under assault / Lightly esteemed!  
The FAMILY, as God designed it, is in serious  
trouble in TODAY's world!



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A Personal & Emotional Subject!  
A Controversial Subject! (WHY?)  
An Extremely Important Subject & Needs To  
Be Addressed Often!



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Marriage Is A Divine Institution and  
Governed By The Laws Of God –  
Marriage Is To Be A Life-Long Union  
Between One Man and One Woman -  
YES - God Still Hates Divorce -



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Genesis 2:21–24 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> 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.” <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



# Does GOD Still Hate Divorce?

Matthew 19:3–6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?” <sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘*made them male and female,*’ <sup>5</sup> 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?*’ <sup>6</sup> So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”



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Matthew 5:31–32 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>  
But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.



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1 Corinthians 7:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Now to the married I command, *yet* not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from *her* husband. <sup>11</sup> 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.



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Romans 7:2–3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of *her* husband. <sup>3</sup> So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.



# *Does* GOD *Still* **Hate Divorce?**

Matthew 19:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> 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.”



# MALACHI 2:13-16 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive *it* with goodwill from your hands. <sup>14</sup> Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.



# MALACHI 2:13-16 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> But did He not make *them* one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. “Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. <sup>16</sup> “For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one’s garment with violence,” Says the Lord of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.”



# Why Does GOD Hate Divorce?

GOD LOVES

Humility!

Honesty!

Love!

Godliness!

Righteousness!

Faithfulness!

Peacemakers!

Proverbs 6:16–19 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.



*Why Does* **GOD**  
**Hate Divorce?**



*Because* **GOD**  
**LOVES US!**



# *Why* GOD *Hates Divorce*

SIN INVOLVED IN EVERY DIVORCE

Mal 2:13-16

Ecc1 5:1-6

Mat 5:31,32

Mat 19:3-9

1 Cor 7:10,11

Remember Your Vows

I \_\_\_\_\_, take thee \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded wife, to  
have and to hold from this day forward, for  
richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love  
and to cherish, till in death we part, -

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# ***Hates Divorce***

SIN INVOLVED IN EVERY DIVORCE



- Dishonors God — (Gen 2:21-24; Mat 19:4-6; Prov. 14:2)
- Violates the law of love — (Eph 5:25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet 3:7; Tit. 2:4)
- Harms put away spouse — (Mal. 2:14,16; Mat 5:31,32)
- Harms self — (Is. 59,1,2; Gal 6:7-9)
- Harms children — (Mal. 2:15)
- Harms society as a whole — (Mal. 2:15; Prov. 14:34; Mat. 19:9)



# *Why* **GOD Hates Divorce**

## THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE



- COMPANIONSHIP - (Gen. 2:18; Prov. 2:17; Mal. 2:14; 1 Pet. 3:7)
- HAPPINESS – (Prov. 5:18)
- TO PREVENT SEXUAL IMMORALITY – (1 Cor. 7:2-5; Prov. 5:19; Heb. 13:4)
- GODLY FAMILIES - (Mal. 2:15; Deut 6:6-9)



# *Why* GOD *Hates Divorce*

## THE ENDURANCE OF MARRIAGE



- SUBMISSION TO GOD'S ORDER  
- (Eph. 5:21-31; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)
- LEARNING CONTENTMENT  
WITHIN GOD'S WILL – (Phili.  
4:11-13; Ep. 5:21-31; 1 Pt 3:1-7)
- HONORING OUR PROMISES,  
COMMITMENT, COVENANT –  
(Prov 2:17; Eccl. 5:4,5)



*Why*  
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THE ENDURANCE OF MARRIAGE



*A Happy & Successful*  
MARRIAGE

...is not determined by the  
perfection of your partner, but  
the level of **YOUR COMMITMENT** to  
the Lord & to them.



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## THE COST OF COMMITMENT

(LUKE 14:28, NKJV)



■ "FOR BETTER OR WORSE"?

- ▶ Spouse paralyzed?
- ▶ Bad accident and disfigured?
- ▶ Sickness?
- ▶ Weight gain?
- ▶ Job loss? / Financial Problems?
- ▶ Marriage problems?
- ▶ Getting older?



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## THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE



### ■ "ABOUT ONE ANOTHER!"

- ▶ Golden Rule / Forgiveness - (Mt. 7:12)
- ▶ Respect / submit - (Eph. 5:33, 1 Tim. 3:11)
- ▶ Use example over your tongue to persuade - (1 Pet. 3:1)
- ▶ Bring happiness - (Deut. 24:5)
- ▶ Be understanding - (1 Pet. 3:7)
- ▶ Private time - (Prov. 5:18)
- ▶ Find, do, talk about things that bring joy - (Eccl. 9:9; Phil. 4:8)
- ▶ Love each other - (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4)



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## THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE



### 7 K E Y S

- ▶ Commitment –
- ▶ Communication –
- ▶ Control Self –
- ▶ Consideration –
- ▶ Compromise –
- ▶ Contentment –
- ▶ Carry Your Load –



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## THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE



### 4 R U L E S

- ▶ The Rule of Protection -  
*(Guard against anything that weakens relationship)*
- ▶ The Rule of Care -  
*(Provide emotional support)*
- ▶ The Rule of Time -  
*(Undivided attention)*
- ▶ The rule of Honesty -  
*(Historic, emotional, current, future)*



# *Why* GOD *Hates Divorce*

THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE

PROBLEMS WILL COME!



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THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE

AGREE BEFOREHAND THAT  
DIVORCE WILL NEVER BE THE  
ANSWER / UNDER ANY  
CIRCUMSTANCE!



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THE PRESERVATION OF MARRIAGE

AS LONG AS THE LORD'S WILL IS  
RESPECTED BY BOTH PARTIES –  
DIVORCE WILL NOT COME!  
BUT RATHER JOY & FULFILLMENT



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Serving God In Our Marriage Means That We Become  
The Husbands & Wives God Wants Us to Become.



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Two interlocking gold wedding rings are positioned behind the text box, symbolizing marriage.

There is **ONLY** one acceptable cause for divorce —  
(Matthew 19:9; Mat 5:31,32; 1 Cor. 7:10,11)

Remarriage For Any and All Parties is Adultery, (*Except for the innocent Party having put Their spouse away because of illicit sexual intercourse*). (Mat. 5:31,32; 19:9)



# *Yes* GOD *Still* **Hates Divorce**

Before marriage - Know God's will

If contemplating divorce for ANY reason other than fornication – reconsider in light of God's word.

If unlawfully divorced – reconcile if possible.

If in a sinful relationship – cease your involvement.

Ezra 10:10-12







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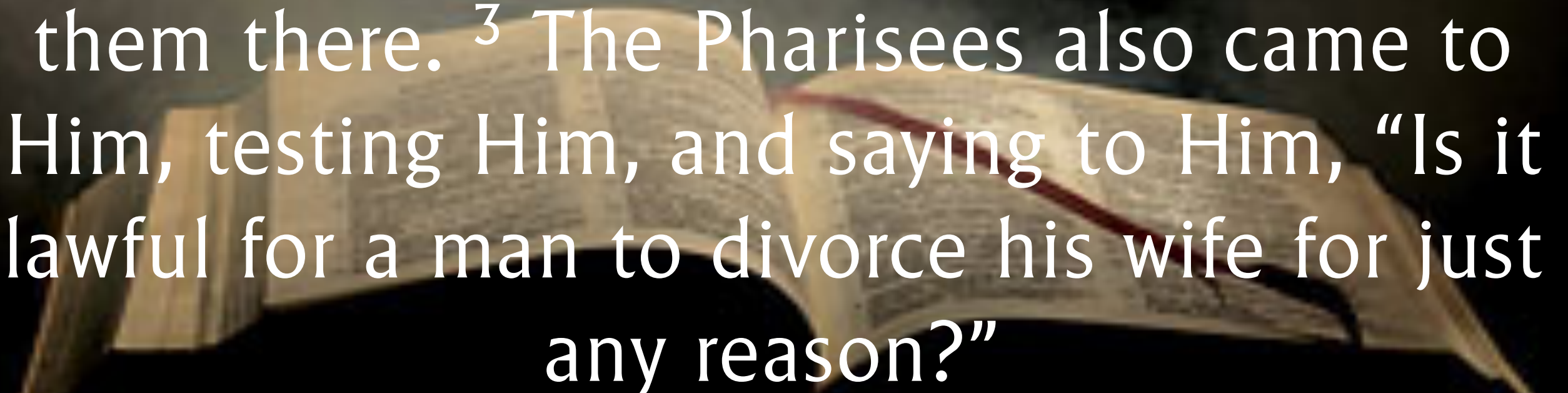
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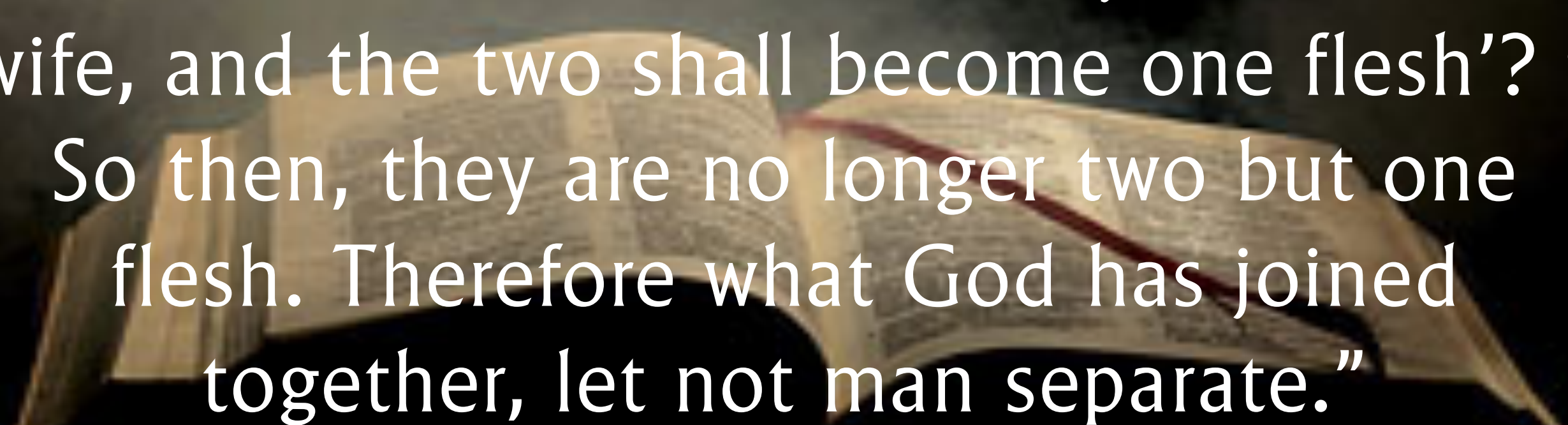
<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. <sup>3</sup> The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"





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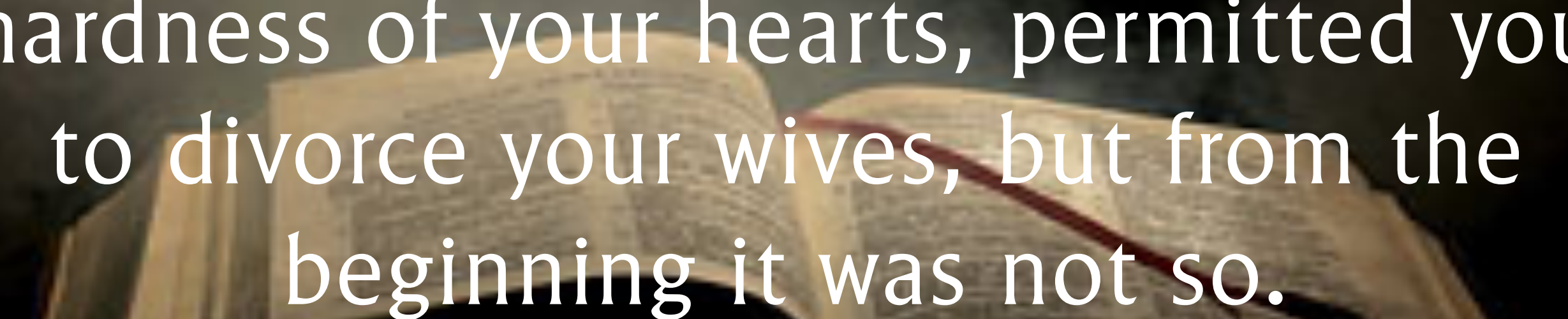
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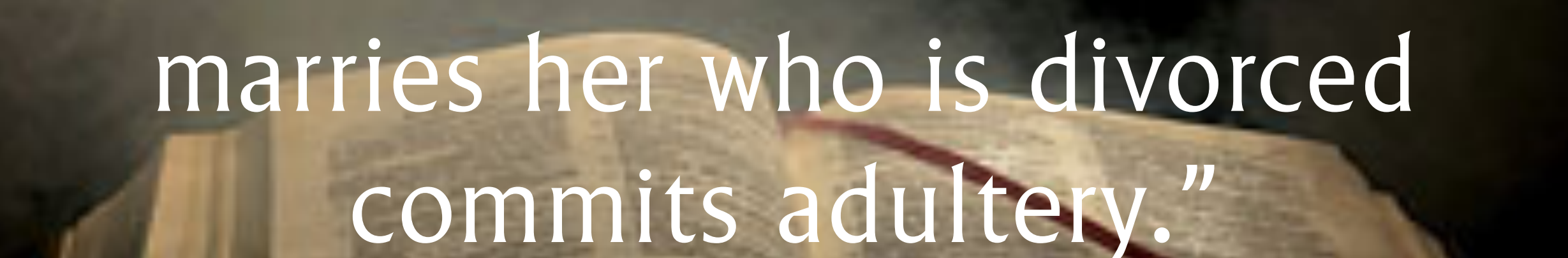
<sup>7</sup> They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."





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