

**Series:** Questioning God

**Message:** Questioning God's Restrictions on Marriage

**Scripture:** Malachi 2:10-16 (NASB)

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## **2 Corinthians 6:14**

<sup>14</sup> *Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?*

## **Matthew 19:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> *And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from 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 they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."*

<sup>7</sup> *They said\* to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?"*

<sup>8</sup> *He said\* to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.*

<sup>9</sup> *"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

## **1. God's Restriction Regarding Who We Can Marry. vs. 10-12**

### **1) It's Disloyal To Our Covenant vs. 10-11**

## **Malachi 2:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> *"Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?"*

<sup>11</sup> *"Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.*

### **2) It Disregards Our Children vs. 12**

## **Malachi 2:12**

<sup>12</sup> *"As for the man who does this, may the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers, or who presents an offering to the LORD of hosts.*

(1) Make your highest value in choosing a date or mate their spiritual qualification.

(2) Set a standard to protect your commitment to prioritize the spiritual qualification.

## 2. God's Restriction Regarding Ending A Marriage. vs. 13-16

### 1) It Breaks Our Fellowship With God vs. 13

#### **Malachi 2:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *"This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.*

<sup>14</sup> *"Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.*

### 2) It Violates Our Spouse. vs. 14

#### **Malachi 2:14**

<sup>14</sup> *"Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.*

### 3) It Deprives Our Children vs. 15

#### **Malachi 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> *"But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.*

#### **Malachi 2:16**

<sup>16</sup> *"For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."*

(1) Divorce

(2) Those Who Bring About Divorce