

Scripture: Matt. 5:31-32, Matt. 19:1-9, Deut. 24:1-4, Lev. 19, 1 Cor. 7: 1-16, Eph.1:7

The heart of the matter is not about fulfilling the letter of the law, but honoring God's perspective of the marriage covenant.

This is the Heart of the Matter:

The importance and value of marriage rests upon the foundation that it was birthed in the wisdom of God, the Creator and is valued throughout Scripture.

1. Marriage at creation. The union between Adam and Eve was before they sinned.

2. The 7th commandment and the 10th commandment state, "Do not commit adultery and do not covet your neighbor's wife."

- 3. The Old Testament honors marriage as sacred.
- 4. Jesus honored the marriage covenant.
- 5. The New Testament Church valued marriage.
- 6. Covenantal Integrity: Leave Cleave Become one Flesh.

Final Thought

Divorce is not the end of a person's life story, nor should it define a person for the rest of their life.