

INTRODUCTION: HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS (see Ps.42:5,11; 43:5; Rom.4:17-21)

I. MARRIAGE

- A. CREATIONAL** (Gen.1:27; 2:23,24; Ex.20:14; Mt.5:27f; 19:3f; Jn.2:1f)
- B. HETEROSEXUAL** (Gen.2:18f; see Song)
- C. MONOGAMOUS** (Gen.2:24; see 1Tm.3:2,12; 5:9; Tt.1:6; see Eph.5:22f)
- D. COVENANTED** (Gen.2:23,24; see Mt.1:18; 2Cor.11:2)
- E. ONLY IN THE LORD** (1Cor.7:39; see 2Cor.6:14f; see 1Kngs.11:8; Ezra 10:10f)
- F. FOR HELP → JOY → CHILDREN** (Gen.2:18f; see Song; 1Cor.7:9; Eph.5:22f)
- G. GOD & ISRAEL** (Ex.6:7; Jer.2:2; Hos.2:19)
- H. CHRIST & CHURCH** (Eph.5:22f; see 2Cor.11:2; Jms.4:4)

II. DIVORCE

- A. DEFINITION: SEND OR LEAVE** (1Cor.7:10-13; see Dt.24:1f; Mt.5:31; 19:7; Mk.10:4; eg, “legal separation”)
- B. TO RESTRAIN EVIL** (Dt.24:1f; see Mk.10:2f; Lk.16:18; Mal.2:14f)
- C. BELIEVER: UNSEEMLY THING - UNCHASTITY, FORNICATION** (Dt.24:1; Mt.5:32; 19:9; see Hos.3:1; Jer.31:32)
- E. PRINCIPLES FOR WISE APPLICATION** (Mt.5:32; 19:9; 1Cor.7:10-16)
- F. AUTHORITATIVE JUDGMENT** (Dt.24:1f; see 1Cor.6:1f; 1Tm.5:17; Num.5:12f; see *WCF*; 24,6)
- G. GOD & ISRAEL** (Is.50:1f; see Hos.1:2,9; 2:2f; Jer.31:32; see Rom.11:20f)
- H. CHRIST & CHURCH** (see 2Cor.11:2; Jms.4:4; Rev.2:5,16,22; 3:3,19; Rom.11:20-22)

III. REMARRIAGE

- A. NEW CREATION** (Gen.2:18f; Mt.19:4f,8; see 2Cor.5:17; Col.3:10)
- B. AFTER DEATH** (Rom.7:1f; 1Cor.7:39; see Gen.2:18; 1Cor.7:7f,25f)
- C. AFTER DIVORCE** (Mt.19:9; Rom.7:3; see Dt.24:1f,4; see 1Cor.7:11; Mt.5:32; 1Th.4:6,3f; Heb.13:4)
- D. GOD & ISRAEL** (Is.54:5-8; 62:4,5; Hos.1:10; 2:14f,19,23(Rm9:25) /Jer.31:31f,33(Hb8:8f; 10:16f) /Rm.11:23f)
- E. CHRIST & CHURCH** (Rom.9:25(Hos.1:10; 2:23); Heb.8:8f,10; 10:16f (Jer.31:1f,33); 1Cor.11:25)

IV. TRUST GOD FOR LIFE AFTER THE DEATH OF A MARRIAGE

- A. HOPE FOR AN OLD MARRIAGE RAISED FROM THE DEAD!** (Israel; Is.54:5-8; 62:4,5; Hos.1:10; 2:14f,19,23(Rom.9:25); see Jer.31:31f,33(Heb.8:8f; 10:16f); see Rom.11:23f)
- B. HOPE FOR A NEW MARRIAGE CREATED OUT OF NOTHING!** (church; Rom.9:25(Hos.1:10; 2:23); Heb.8:8f,10; 10:16f (Jer.31:1f,33); 1Cor.11:25)
- C. HAVE THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM!** (Rom.4:17b-21; Jn.5:21; see Lk.15:32; Ps.42:5,11; 43:5)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)