

The Creator's Love For Marriage and Children Matthew 19:1-15

- 1) The Creator of marriage holds this institution sacred (19:3-12)
 - a) God saw the need of the male and fulfilled it with a woman
 - b) God allowed the man and woman to become one person in marriage
 - c) Since marriage is sacred, adultery is forbidden (Exod. 20:14)
 - d) In order to regulate man's rebellion, God allows for divorce (19:7-9)
 - i) To protect a shunned wife (Deut. 24:1-4)
 - ii) In cases of perpetual adultery (19:9; cf. 5:32)
 - iii) When one spouse insists on leaving (1 Cor. 7:12-16)
 - e) Jesus' view of marriage and divorce comes from Scripture
- 2) The Creator of mankind loves little children (19:13-15)
 - a) Jesus used a child to illustrate true saving faith
 - i) Childlike faith (not childish) believes without doubting
 - ii) Children are drawn to Christ who loves them
 - iii) How sad that children are kept from Jesus!
 - b) The residents of heaven consist only of those with childlike faith
- 3) Thoughts and Observations
 - a) Marriage is still to be held in the highest honor
 - b) Though a sin, divorce is not unforgivable
 - c) Raise children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"
(Eph 6:4; cf. Deut 6:4-9)