

INTRODUCTION

A. ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE (*Westminster Confession; RPTestimony, c.24; Larger Catechism Q.137-139; Shorter Catechism, Q.63-66, 70-72; reformedvoice.com outlines & audio of sermons in series; see Divorce, John Murray; Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, Jay Adams*)

B. OATHS, GOVERNMENT, MARRIAGE, CHURCH, SACRAMENTS (chps.22-26; see 2Chr.36:12; Heb.6:17; *pledge* of allegiance; “vows” of marriage; *oaths* of membership; *signs* of covenant)

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; see Eph.5:22f; 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. FALLEN (Mk.10:2f; Lk.16:18; Mal.2:14f; see Dt.24:1f)

C. BELIEVER: UNSEEMLY THING; UNCHASTITY, FORNICATION (Dt.24:1; Mt.5:32; 19:9; see Hos.3:1; Jer.31:32)

D. UNBELIEVER: LEAVES OR SENDS (1Cor.7:15,16)

E. PRINCIPLES FOR PRACTICE (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)

G. GOD & ISRAEL (Is.50:1f; see Hos.1:2,9; 2:2f; Jer.31:32)

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)

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.2:14f,19,23(Rom.9:25); see Jer.31:31f,33(Heb.8:8f; 10:16f))

IV. ISSUES

A. HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE (Rom.1:24-27; 1Cor.6:9; 1Tm.1:9f; see Lev.18:22; 20:13; also Gen.2:18f; Song; Mt.5:27f; Eph.5:22f; see Is.5:20)

B. CHASTE SINGLENESS IS AN EQUALLY HONORABLE STATE (1Cor.7:1; 7,8; 26; 32f; e.g., Jesus, John the Baptist, Jeremiah, Paul; see *Testimony, c.24,para.1*)

C. MARRIAGE IS TEMPORARY (Mt.22:23f; see Eph.5:22f)

D. GUARD YOUR HEART (Prov.4:23f; 5:15f(Song),1f; 6:20f; 7:1f; Mt.5:27f; 15:19; see 1Th.4:6,3f; Heb.13:4)

E. DON'T RUSH, DON'T DELAY, PREPARE NOW (1Cor.7:2,9; see Prov.1:4f,20f; 6:6f; etc.)