

NTA5

AT FAULT

Matt. 19:7 (KJV) "They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?"

Matt. 19:9 (KJV) "He saith unto them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

QUESTION: WHO WAS AT FAULT FOR THE DIVORCE—THE HUSBAND OR THE WIFE?

CHRIST versus BILLINGSLY

Blame

Jesus said the HUSBAND

Reason: HARDNESS OF HEART

Matt. 19:9 (KJV) "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

CONCLUSION:

- (1) What Moses "suffered" was because of the "hardness" of men's hearts.
- (2) What Jesus "authorized" was because of "FORNICATION" by the woman or by the man, Mark 10:12.
- (3) Billingsly says Jesus was explaining Moses (in Matt. 24:1) in His language of Matt. 19:9
- (4) Though MAY have found some "unclean thing" in their wives as a "reason" for divorce, Jesus said the REAL cause was the hardness of men's hearts.
- (5) What Jesus "authorized" (Matt. 19:7; Mark 10:12) is different than what Moses "allowed", for IT is based on "fornication"--NOT "hardness of hearts."

Blame

Billingsly says the WIFE

Reason: FORNICATION

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N.T. WORDS FOR "SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS"

- (1) GAMEO (to marry) - Tr. "married". Mk.10:12; 1Co.7:10,33,34,39
- (2) AGAMOS (not married) - Tr. "unmarried". 1Co.7:8,11,32,34
- (3) LUO (unbound, free) - Tr. "loosed". Ro.7:2; 1Co.7:27
- (4) DEO (binding) - Tr. "bound", Ro.7:2; 1Co.7:27,39
- (5) GINOMAI (to become) - Tr. "married". Ro.7:3,3,4
- (6) SUNEZUGNUMI (to yoke together) - Tr. "joined together". Mt.19:6; Mk.10:9
- (7) KOLLAO (to be joined, or join self to) - Tr. "joined". 1Co.6:16,17
- (8) MOICHAO (unlawful sexual relations) - Tr. "adultery". Mt.5:32; 19:9; Mk.10:11,12
- (9) PORNEIA (illicit sexual relations) - Tr. "fornication". 1Co.7:2; 1Th.4:3

NTA7

CONTEXT OF ROM. 7

PRINCIPLE - "Law applies to the living"

v. 1 "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"

ILLUSTRATION - "God's law of marriage"

v. 2 "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth: but if her husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

v. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law: so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

APPLICATION - "Now be married to Christ"

v. 4 "Wherefore my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

NTA4

FREE TO REMARRY

(1) "In every divorce considered in Matthew 19, both parties were free to remarry." (Billingsly, DEVIL AND MATTHEW 19, 1990 edition, p. 13)

(2) "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

(Jesus, MATTHEW 19:9)

WHO IS RIGHT, BILLINGSLY OR JESUS?

