



“Your Marriage is Worship” The Book of Malachi Series Part 4
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Key Passage: Malachi 2:10-16

Accept God’s vision of marriage, not the culture’s.

- God designed marriage to be a comprehensive union of one man and one woman that reflects the unity and mission of God in the world.
- “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Mark 10:6-9)

Process God’s heart for your marriage and His hatred of divorce.

- We are invited into a “one-flesh” relationship with another person because marriage is a signpost pointing us towards the “one-flesh” relationship we are each invited to have with God himself.
 - “This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” (Eph. 5:32)
- God hates divorce (not those who’ve been divorced!) because it muddies the fierce nature of His loyal love. He will never leave us or forsake us.
 - “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.” (Heb. 13:4)
- With that said, God does give a few exceptions in which He permits divorce (Matt. 5:32; 1Cor. 7:15).

Receive God’s grace for your marriage and His invitation to repent.

- “Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.” (Mal. 2:15)

