

God Hates Divorce

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In today's society divorce has become an epidemic. In the United States today the divorce rate is about 53%. This means that for every couple, who get married, they will more likely get a divorce than stay married. This is a tragedy! It is impossible to get a divorce without sin being involved. What does God think of divorce? In Malachi 2:13 God is telling Israel why He is not going to accept their worship. Their worship to God had become vain. Why? God says in Malachi 2:14, "Yet you say, for what reason? Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant." Then Malachi 2:16 says, "**For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce.**" God never intended for a married couple to divorce.

In the above scripture we see, when two people get married, a covenant is made and God is witness to that marriage covenant. So when one gets a divorce, he breaks that covenant. But what does God say about covenant breakers? In Romans 1:31-32 we read, "Without understanding, **covenant breakers**, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death." Is it sinful to be a covenant breaker? Yes. Is it sinful to break the marriage covenant with a divorce? Yes. Will those who break the marriage covenant be subject to the judgment of God and be worthy of death? Yes, unless they repent.

Even if the two divorce, they continue to be bound to the obligations God placed them under when they married. 1 Corinthians 7:39 says, "A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives". In Matthew 5:32 Jesus is not only condemning the sin of an adulterous marriage, but He is also forbidding a divorce, "except for fornication". Marriage is a sacred and a very serious undertaking. To vacate a marriage is to ignore what God says and flaunt our sacred responsibilities. Let's not get ourselves into situations that will cause us to lose our souls in eternity.