

Readings from Matthew chapter 19—October 10th-16th, 2021

¹ Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. ³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” ⁴ And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” ¹⁰ His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹ But He said to them, “All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”

Sunday: Did the Pharisees really want to know the answer to their question?

Pray for those at Orlando, Fla., RPC seeking membership and for their classes.

Pray for new elders, deacons, and teachers for Higashisuma (Kobe, Japan) RPC.

Monday: Do you ever ask questions but don’t want to know the answer? Give

thanks with Atlanta, Ga., RPC for the man who took his membership vows while in hospice. **Pray** for deliverance from tyranny for the country of Australia.

Tuesday: What does it mean that husband and wife become one flesh? (See

Ephesians 5:22-33.) Pray with Elkhart, Ind., RPC that the Word of Christ would dwell in them richly (Col. 3:16). **Pray** for Birmingham, Ala., RPC, for its growth.

Wednesday: Is no-fault divorce right or wrong? Pray for members of Oswego, N.Y., RPC who are recovering from cancer surgery and pain medicine addiction: pray for fruitful and successful rehabilitation. **Pray** for purity, unity, and peace throughout the Body of Christ.

Thursday: Besides adultery, is there any other ground for divorce? (See I

Corinthians 7:10-16.) Pray for members of Christ Church (Floyd, N.Y.) RPC in their mission trips to Sudan. **Pray** for our state’s government, that those who are our leaders would show courageous obedience to King Jesus.

Friday: Should you marry someone who is unbiblically divorced? Pray for the

Lord to bring worshipers and members to Treasure Valley (Boise, Idaho) RP Mission Church. **Pray** for those in the RPCNA recovering from COVID.

Saturday: What is a eunuch? Pray with Dallas, Tex., RPC for the Lord’s provision of deacons. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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Pastor Frank J. Smith, Ph.D., D.D.

B. "I will come like a thief, and you will not know at hour . . ."

1. What a remarkable phrase, that the Lord will come like a thief!
2. Judgment is coming; it will be swift and without advance notice

III. Promises

A. They're made to: the faithful remnant; the worthy; the overcomers

B. The three-fold promise

1. Clothed in white
2. "And I will not blot his name out of the book of life"
3. "And I will confess his name before My Father . . ."

Application

A. Beware the danger of being dead

B. Have you soiled your garments?

1. There are many ways that you can get your clothes dirty
2. Come to Jesus for cleansing! (Psalm 132:9, 16)

C. Rejoice in the grace of God which brings salvation

1. Being provided white garments
2. Being written with ink that cannot be erased in the book of life
3. Being confessed before the Father and His angels