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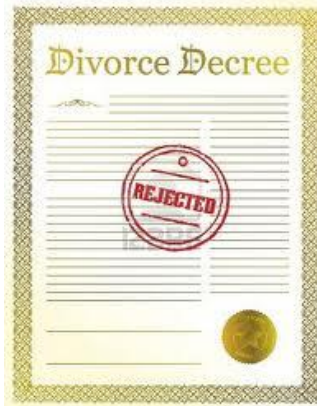
The leading of the Spirit of Truth

Concerning

“But From The Beginning It
Was Not So.”

Mathew 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Deteronomy 24:1-4; Luke 16:17-18

A brief summarized study and commentary of the scriptural meaning of this statement by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Was this the end of what is called polygyny? Or was this the end of the bill of divorcement and putting away for every cause?



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Holy greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank and glorify God for the knowledge and faith that Jesus Christ has given us by his grace and for His indwelling and all powerful spirit in us. We always thank God for His word which was delivered unto us, for our baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and for the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave us utterance. And we remind all that have not been born again according to the scriptures to believe on Christ and do so as you must.

By the leading of the Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of Truth, we address a statement of scripture in these last and evil days because he is continuing to reveal unto us all truths. He is taking us on to perfection by the power of the Holy Ghost just as He said that He would. That we may walk in the light of truth and be found pleasing and acceptable in His sight is our desire and it is for this purpose and for the perfecting and edification of the body of Christ that we surrender to His perfect will in all things.

Again we acknowledge all of the men of God that went before us and taught us all the truth that they received and that they taught us that we became the church with the light. Moreover, they, according to the scriptures, taught us that as we received light that we should walk in it. And we recognize that the light is the truth of God's word and that it will drive out all darkness. Therefore we continue and address this scripture.

Jesus Christ has led us to focus on a controversial subject which is for the healing of His foremost institution, the family. It has been said that that Jesus put a complete end to a marriage and/or family form called polygyny, or a man taking more than one wife, when he said “..but from the beginning it was not so.” in Matthew 19:3–9. We also were taught this and were always encouraged to check up on what we believe. But for us, when we faced issues in our life, we sought God for the truth and righteous answers and this is what He has made clearer to us.

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- **Matthew 19:3 (King James Version)**

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

- **Mark 10:2**

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

The Pharisees came tempting Christ asking him if it was lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause. You see, they were trying to find fault.

- **Matthew 19:4-6 (King James Version)**

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

*6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but **one** flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

- **Mark 10:6-9 (King James Version)**

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Because the scripture says “and the twain shall be one flesh” it is taught that he was doing away with a man having more than one wife and that one man and only one woman was God’s original plan for marriage so only two can be one flesh. However, that is not the question asked neither is it what Christ answers. The question was regarding “**putting away**” and Christ answers that the twain, **male and female** as man and wife, are to “**cleave**” and “**be one flesh**” and what God has “**joined together**” let not man “**put asunder**” (See our upcoming writing on “...And They Twain Shall Be One Flesh”). It is obvious that the Pharisees understand that Jesus is adamant that they are not to put away their wives but to cleave.

So, what did God say at the beginning?

- **Genesis 1:26-27 (King James Version)**

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- **Genesis 2:18-24 (King James Version)**

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18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: And he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

At the beginning God created man in his own image as male and female to have dominion over all the earth. God made special note that he created the beast of the field and the fowl of the air out of the ground, but he created the woman out of the man. Just as the male and female came from one flesh they twain, male and female, are to be one flesh as and man and wife. From the beginning the man and his wife were intended to be one flesh and not to be separated.

- **Matthew 19:7 (King James Version)**

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

- **Mark 10:3**

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

So what did Moses command?

- **Deuteronomy 24:1-4 (King James Version)**

1 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

So how does Christ answer regarding Moses' command to the question of putting away a wife for every cause?

- **Matthew 19:8 (King James Version)**

8He 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.

It is very clear here that that suffering situation was the putting away of wives **but from the beginning it was not so.**

- **Mark 10:3-6**

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

Jesus Christ (God Almighty) taught that Moses “suffered” them to write a bill of divorcement and put away their wives because of the hardness of their hearts. So, Moses knew that it was not right as well but he “suffered” it because of their hard hearts. **But from the beginning it was not so!** From the beginning God made them male and female, and said that they shall cleave, be one flesh and be joined together.

- **Mark 10:10-12 (King James Version)**

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10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

- **Matthew 19:9 (King James Version)**

9 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.

- **Luke 16:17-18 (King James Version)**

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

Moses suffered them to give a writing of divorcement and get rid of their wives, "**but from the beginning it was not so**" whether you had one or more. We know that the number of wives was not the issue because the polygynous family structure was in place before, during and after Moses' day and Christ did not address a man having many wives as an issue to be corrected. As a matter of fact, many of the greatest men of God had this family structure and God blessed them and never called it evil. However, Christ declared the writing of a bill a divorcement and putting away for every cause "**but from the beginning it was not so**" and that it is

a cause of adultery which is against his law “Thou shalt not commit adultery”. God hates putting away.

- **Malachi 2:16**

¹⁶For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit,

In conclusion, Christ’s statement “But from the beginning it was not so.” brought a complete end to the precept of writing a bill of divorce and putting away wives for ever cause except fornication. It also brought an end to the ability for a woman who was rightfully put away to go and be another man’s wife.

That God may open your understanding to receive the light of His truth is our prayer.

Sincerely, with the love of Jesus Christ,

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“Prove all things and hold fast that which is good.” - I Thessalonians 5:21

“...Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.” - Romans 14:5

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