

The Community of the King: A mixed community Matthew 19:1-12

Divorce an Issue, then and now, but

The all important context vv. 1-3. Deut. 24:1

Back to the source vv. 3-6 [Genesis 1:27, 2:24; Eph 4:25-5:2]

Committed to God speaking in His word

Committed to the will of the Creator revealed in His creating.

Committed to the permanency of marriage, and so to the sustaining of marriages

Back to the issue vv. 7-9

So why divorce v. 7

No to 'no fault' divorce v. 8-9

Not the only circumstance [1 Cor. 7:10-16]

The effectively abandoned Ex. 21:10-11 [Eph. 5:28-29] – other causes not in dispute

The community of the forgiven much

A dose of realism and a shocking alternative vv. 10-12 [1 Cor. 7:7, 32-35]

Committed to honourable singleness

Challenging Commitments