

Q. Is it lawful to divorce?

Matthew 19:3-9

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?

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.**

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

8 He 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.**

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

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.**

I Corinthians 7:10-11

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

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