

Treasure Hunt

- Biblically, how does one “put away” a wife for fornication, and why is remarriage allowed in this case?
- Where in the epistles does Paul echo the Lord’s discussion with the disciples from Matt 19:10-12?
- What is the meaning of the action requested of the Lord in 19:13?
- With which facet of 1 John 2:16 does the episode with the little children deal?
- Give some specific examples of how believers should be like little children.

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Asymmetry in the Exception

19:9 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.
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5:32 whosoever shall put away his wife, **saving for** the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery:
and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. *No exception!*

How does the OT Deal with Fornication?

Concealed, premarital impurity (not adultery)

Deu 22:20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of virginity* be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall **stone her with stones that she die**: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Postmarital infidelity = adultery

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then **they shall both of them die**, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

Impurity during betrothal

23 If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and **ye shall stone them with stones that they die**; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

**Fornication
= sexual sin**

**Adultery
= marital
infidelity**

Revisiting the verb απολυω “dismiss”

It is *not* the OT/LXX verb (נָלַח → εξαποστειλλω) for divorce.

How is απολυω used elsewhere?

Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing **I go [middle of απολυω]** childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?

Num 20:28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron **was dead [passive of απολυω]**, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

Luk 2:27 and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 Lord, now **lettest** thou thy servant **depart [απολυω “put away thy servant”]** in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Matthew 19 and the Law of Moses

Mat 19:3 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.



Gen 2:21-24



Deut 24:1-4



Deut 22:13-29

1 Corinthians 7 and Matthew 19

Mat 19:10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, **it is not good to marry.**

11 But he said unto them, All men **cannot receive** this saying,

save they to whom it is **given.** 12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: ***It is good for a man not to touch a woman.***

2 Nevertheless, ***to avoid fornication,*** let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

7 But every man hath his proper **gift of God**, one after this manner, and another after that.

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Prayer and Laying On of Hands

Gen 48:14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and **laid** it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And he **blessed** Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and **prayed**, and **laid** their hands on them, they sent them away.

Act 14:25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia: 26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been **recommended to the grace of God** for the work which they fulfilled.

Matt 19:14 and 18:3

18:3 Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

19:14 Suffer **little children**, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for **of such** is the **kingdom of heaven**.

The Disciples' Struggle with the Pride of Life

Mat 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Mat 17:22 ... Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. ... 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Mat 20:17 And Jesus ... said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again. 20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. ... 24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

Matt 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Childlike Humility in the Believer

Hungry for food (teaching) from others:

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Looking to more mature people for help, guidance, and security.

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.