

For Troubled Marriages

Matt 19:6 "So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." *Lord, if anyone can separate what You have joined it would be You. Yet You won't and man can't. Marriage is a bond which is too strong for measly men to break.*

Father, it is absurd to think that man can separate what You have joined together. Can a mere man, a mere judge, or priest take apart what You have joined? Does going to secular school and getting a degree make someone able to undo what You have done?

Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. *A divorce dishonors the divine institution of marriage.*

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her. 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the Church. *Marriage is to be a picture of Christ's everlasting love for His espoused bride, the Ecclesia.*

2 Sam 12:14 By doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt. *A broken marriage mars the picture of Christ and His bride, and causes the world to show contempt for the Lord and Christianity.*

Lord, I pray that you would restore the ashes of these marriages to beauty. That they would once again be a beautiful picture of Your love for Your bride.

Eccl 5:4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. *Father, in the Scriptures, people who make vows to You and don't fulfill them are fools. Lord, I pray that You would enable them to fulfill the vows that they made to You in the presence of their families and friends.*

Malachi 2:13 Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because He no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.

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14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because **you have broken faith with her**, though **she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant**. 15 Has not **the LORD made them one**? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So **guard yourself** in your spirit, and **do not break faith** with the wife of your youth. 16 "**I hate divorce**," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. So **guard yourself** in your spirit, and **do not break faith**. *Lord, this is very strong language. You have established and ordained the institution of marriage and You have made Your mind very clear regarding divorce. It is contrary to Your design that men would attempt to separate that which You have joined together. I pray that You would cause every couple that is considering divorce as a solution to their problems to blot this "option" out of their minds.*

Lord, I ask You to restore those marriages which are restorable, and strengthen and stabilize those which are struggling.