

“Faith & Marriage” (part 1)

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Sermon Series: Malachi: Return to the Lord Main Passage: Malachi 2:10-15

Opened with a discussion about how the **Bible** has made me love history even more than I already did.

- King **Solomon** was given great wisdom and blessed beyond measure, but he eventually fail because his **wives** caused him to worship other gods. (ref: 1 Kings 3:11-14, 11:4-8)
- There should be no part of a Believer's **life** that Jesus is not Lord over. *“He is either Lord of all, or not Lord at all.”*
- Our Government does have authority, and we are commanded to recognize it and honor those over us, but their authority stops the moment it contradicts God's **word**.
- God's condemning of interfaith **marriages** has nothing to do with race, culture, or nationality, but has everything to do with one having faith in Jesus alone!
- **Believers** are not supposed to marry unbelievers. (ref: Deut. 7:3-4; 2 Cor. 6:14)

1) Marriages to an unbeliever shows a lack of faith in regard to their **faith** family.

- When we study the rebuke of **interfaith** marriages and the consequences, it is clear that this sin not only affects the Body/Church/Faith Family but causes the removal from it as well. (vs 10-12)
- Believers are not on this journey alone, and our **sins** do affect those around us. We can and sometimes do cause others to stumble.
- Marriage to an **unbeliever** isn't impossible, but it is very difficult. This difficulty will have an effect on those who care and minister to you.

2) Marriage to unbeliever shows a lack of faith in regard to **God**.

- Verse 11 makes it clear that it is an **“abomination”** to Him, and **“profanes”** His sanctuary.
- The New Testament is clear that our **bodies** are now the Temple of God, and when we use our bodies in sin we are bringing our sin into His **Temple**. (ref: 2Cor. 6:14-16; 1Cor. 6:18-20)
- One of the main reasons God wants us married to believers is so that our **children** that will worship Him. (vs 15)

In closing,

- *“If we confess our **sins**, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our **sins** and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 John 1:9