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## The Question That Jesus Answered (Context):

**Mt. 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?**”

### The Question Was NOT:

**IS IT POSSIBLE...?** (They Knew That It Was Possible)!

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**IS IT LAWFUL...?**

**Cf. Rom. 4:15**, “Because **THE LAW** worketh wrath: for **WHERE NO LAW IS, THERE IS NO TRANSGRESSION.**”

**Cf. I Jn. 3:4**, “Whosoever committeth **SIN TRANSGRESSETH ALSO THE LAW**: for **SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.**”

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How God Hath “**JOINED**” Them “**TOGETHER**” In Marriage (One Flesh):

- 1.) **HE** Made Them **MALE** and **FEMALE** At The Beginning (v. 4).
- 2.) **HE** Commanded The **LEAVING/CLEAVING** (v. 5).
- 3.) **HE** Designed How The **TWAIN** Become “**ONE FLESH**” (v. 6).
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**Thayer:** “1) A human being, whether male or female.”

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Our Obligation To God’s **LAW** Does Not *Only* Apply To Married People!

**Mt. 16:19**, “And I **WILL GIVE UNTO THEE the keys** of the kingdom of heaven: and **WHATSOEVER** THOU SHALT **BIND** ON EARTH SHALL BE **BOUND** IN HEAVEN: **and** **WHATSOEVER** THOU SHALT **LOOSE** ON EARTH SHALL BE **LOOSED** IN HEAVEN.”

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**Cf. Mt. 23:16-18**, “Woe unto YOU, YE BLIND guides, which SAY, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is A DEBTOR (NKJV, ‘he is *obliged* to perform it;’ NASV, ‘he is *obligated*’)...18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is *guilty*.” (NKJV, “he is *obliged* to perform it;” NASV, “he is *obligated*.”)

We Are Obligated By **THE** (N.T.) **LAW**, Despite Corrupt Teachings!  
(Mt. 5:32b; 19:9b; Lk. 16:18b)

**Cf. Mk. 7:10-11**, “For **MOSES SAID**, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But YE SAY, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be *free*.”

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## Matthew 19:9 Includes The Exception Clause,

Revealing Two Different Kinds Of Divorces (**LAWFUL** & **UNLAWFUL**):

**Mt. 19:9**, “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.**” Cf. v. 3

The Term “Put Away” Is Used **ONCE**

In Reference To **Both** **LAWFUL** And **UNLAWFUL** Divorces.

Yet There Is Only One Consequence For The One Who “Is Put Away.”

**Cf. Mt. 19:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:10-11 (1 Pet. 4:11)**

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The Man-Made Term “**Marriage-bond**” Is A Misnomer (Rom. 7:2-3)!

### Misnomer

“noun 1. a misapplied or inappropriate name or designation. 2. an error in naming a person or thing.” [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)

“The Marriage” Is Not Bound (Neh. 23:13-14):

It Is “The Woman” Who Is Bound By / Loosed From **THE LAW** To Her Man!  
A **LAWFUL** Divorce Looses / Frees *Only* One Party (Mt. 19:9)!

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“Affairs” While Lawfully Married Are Just As *Adulterous*

I Cor. 6:16-17, “What? know ye not that HE which is **JOINED TO AN HARLOT IS ONE BODY? FOR TWO**, saith he, SHALL BE **ONE FLESH**. 17 But HE THAT IS JOINED UNTO THE LORD is **ONE SPIRIT**.” Cf. Gal. 3:27-28

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Notice How Herodias Was “**Bound**” To Philip, While “**Married**” To Herod!

**Mk. 6:17-18**, “For **HEROD** himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for **HERODIAS’** sake, **HIS BROTHER PHILIP’S WIFE**: for **HE HAD MARRIED** HER. 8 For John had said unto **HEROD**, **IT IS NOT LAWFUL** FOR THEE TO HAVE THY BROTHER’S WIFE.”

**Mark Reveals Why Herod’s And Herodias’ Marriage Was UNLAWFUL:**

Herodias (Philip’s Woman) Was Still **OBLIGATED** To Philip (Her Man)!

Hence, Herod/Herodias Were **Not JOINED TOGETHER** By God (Mt. 19:6)!

**I Cor. 7:2**, “Nevertheless, **TO AVOID FORNICATION**, let every man **HAVE** his **OWN** wife, and let every woman **HAVE** her **OWN** husband.” **Cf. 5:1**

**Heb. 13:4**, “**MARRIAGE** is honourable in all (i.e. When **JOINED TOGETHER** By God, jhb): and **THE BED UNDEFILED**: but **WHOREMONGERS** and **ADULTERERS** **GOD WILL JUDGE**.” **Cf. Jn. 12:48**

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### How The Words “Husband” And “Wife” Are Used In Scripture:

Sometimes These Terms Are Used Of Those Who Are **Married**;

Sometimes They Are Used Of Those Who Are **Divorced**;

And Sometimes They Denote Those Who Are ***Separated By Death***.

(Cf. II Sam. 11:26; 12:9-10, 15; Mt. 22:24-25; Acts 5:9; Rom. 7:3; I Cor. 7:11)

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**Strong: Gk. No. 1658 (Eleutheros):**

“Unrestrained (to go at pleasure), i.e. (as a citizen) not a slave...exempt (from obligation or liability): free (man, woman), at liberty.”

Matthew 5:32 & 19:9 Reveal The One And Only **Exception** To God's Rule!

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**Beware Of The (False) Teaching Of Men On Divorce:**

If It's Not **LAWFUL**, It's Not Legitimate  
If It's Not Approved, It's Not Actual;  
If It's Not Permissible, It's Not Possible  
If It's Not Right, It's Not Real!

Scripture Clearly Teaches That Man Can Put Away Against God's Will.

Hence, It Is Impossible For Those Who *Have Been* Put Away,  
To Subsequently "Put Away" For Fornication.

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(Mt. 19:6, 9; I Cor. 7:10-11).