

**"The Pentateuch"**  
**Deuteronomy 24:1-22**  
**Wednesday November 2, 2011**

**Theme – Deuteronomy – "Renewed Covenant"; "Second Law"; "Gospel Of Love"**

**Deut 5-26** – The God-Related Life: Moses Looks Within: (The Law, the Guide in Obedience.)

**Laws Concerning Justice: Deut 16:18-21:23**

**Disputes And Decisions:** (Law Of Love Concerning Domestic And Social Life)  
Deut 22: 1-26: 19

**Deut 23** – Those Excluded From The Congregation of Israel.

**Deut 24** – Various Social Laws:

**Deut 24:1-4** – Divorce And Remarriage: Deuteronomy 24: 1

Malachi 2:16

The word "treacherously" or "wrong", "violence" could be interpreted as "bitterness" – and often that is the result of divorce.

Deuteronomy 24:1 indecency – (lit.) "nakedness, impurity"

Death penalty was for adultery – Lev 20:10; Deut 22:13-30

Matt 19:3-9

There were 2 Schools of Thought During Jesus' Day:

1. Rabbi Hillel – (Liberal)

Too much salt in soup, talk back, insulting comments were all grounds for divorce. Get tired of your wife – Don't commit adultery – just divorce her.

Rabbi Akiba – "a man could divorce his wife if he found a woman who was more beautiful."

2. Rabbi Shammai – (Conservative) Some grave sin – sexual sin, possibly shameful exposure.

Moses instituted regulations designed to do 3 things:

1. Protect the sanctity of marriage from something indecent or defiling of the relationship.
2. Protect the woman from a husband who might simply send her away without a cause. (Paperwork defining the offense)
3. To Document the wife's status as a legitimately divorced woman, so that she would not be thought of as a harlot or a runaway adulteress.

Matt 19:7-8

Hardness of heart – “doing your own thing, doing it your own way”

Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; Moses did not Command Divorce, but Permitted; a Concession to human weakness. Divorce cheapens the covenant; it makes the vows taken meaningless; it destroys the sense of commitment.

In The Beginning Marriage Was God's Solution to Man's Need: Genesis 2:18

The Purpose of Marriage Is To Meet The Need For Man's Companionship!  
(Not Procreation, But Companionship)

Gen 2:21-25

Deut 24:1

There are only 3 reasons given in Scriptures to end a Marriage:

1. Adultery – Matt 19:9
2. Abandonment – 1 Corinthians 7:15
3. Death – obviously ends a marriage: Rom 7:2-3; 1 Cor 7

Deut 24:2-4

Deut 24:5 – Strengthen The Newlyweds:

Marriage is a big adjustment:

Deut 24:6, 10-13 – Loan Collateral: Deut 24:6

Deut 24:10-11

Deut 24:12-13

“cloak” – His garment was his cloak by day and his bed covering by night.

John 13:34-35

Romans 12:10

Romans 13:8

Romans 15:7

1 Corinthians 12:25

2 Corinthians 13:12

Galatians 5:13

Ephesians 4:32

1 Peter 4:8-10

1 John 4:11

Deut 24:7 – Kidnappers:

Deut 24:8-9 – Leprosy: Deut 24:8

Lev 13-15 – (Sanitary/Ceremonial)

“leprosy” – was not healed but was cleansed. It was a picture of sin.

Deut 24:9

Numbers 12:1-16

Deut 24:10-13 – Loan Collateral:

Deut 24:14-15 – Abusing Servants:

Deut 24:16 – Generational Curses:

Here, God is making it clear that each person is responsible for his/her actions as adults.

Ezekiel 18:20

Deut 24:17-18 – Social Justice:

God is always looking out for those who are unable to look out for themselves.

Deut 24: 19-22 – Social Welfare:

Deut 24: 22

Deuteronomy 24: 9

Deut 24: 18

**Application:**

1. "One's Wedding Vows Must Be Taken Seriously: Moses did not Command Divorce, but Permitted, as a Concession to human weakness. Divorce cheapens the covenant, it makes the vows taken meaningless, it destroys the sense of commitment."
2. In Social Justice, God Is Always Looking Out For Those Who Are Unable To Look Out For Themselves. God Want's His Children To Be Honest In All Their Dealings.
3. God's Word Teaches That Each Person Is Personally Responsible For His Or Her Actions As Adults.