

Persevere:

Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #22)

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

¹ Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. ³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." ¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹ But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

Matthew 19:1-12 (ESV)

Areas of concentration for a Christian offering life worship in a non-Christian world (Heb. 13:1-25):

1. Offer to God a life that loves others, vv.1-3.
2. Offer to God a life that honors marriage, v.4.

- A. One that is biblical in regard to gender.
- B. One that is biblical in regard to roles.
- C. One that is biblical in regard to purity.
- D. One that is biblical in regard to purpose, Gen. 2:18.
 - *For companionship
 - *For help
- E. One that is biblical in regard to permanence, Mt. 19:1-12.
 1. Adhere to God's plan for a lifelong marriage.
 2. Avoid a heart that will destroy a lifelong marriage.
 - *An untrue heart
 - *An unforgiving heart
 - *An unconcerned heart
 - *An unfaithful heart
 3. Accept God's calling prior to entering a lifelong marriage.