

Chapter 3 – Keeping God’s Covenant in Marriage

1. How does the Bible show that right behavior in marriage is an important part of keeping God’s covenant?
2. How is marriage a covenant? What does this teach us about marriage? Malachi 2:14
3. How does a single person keep covenant with God in regard to marriage?
4. What is the basic calling of a husband and wife in marriage? How does this express itself? How could you improve in these areas in your marriage?
5. What are some of the sins against the faithfulness required in marriage? Are we/you tempted in any of these areas?
6. What is the one biblical ground for divorce? Does fornication make divorce necessary?
7. In 1 Corinthians 7:15, what does Paul mean by “let him depart”? What does he mean by “not under bondage”? Does this verse allow for desertion as a ground for divorce?
8. How is the truth that God’s covenant is an “everlasting covenant” reflected in marriage? What do Matthew 19, Mark 10 and Luke 16 teach about remarriage.
9. What duties does Ephesians 5:22-33 put on husband and wife respectively in marriage? Make a list for each, and describe and apply each duty.

<u>Husband</u>	<u>Wife</u>
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10. Someone once said, “The priority in marriage is the glory of God.” How is this view of marriage different than what you would find in the world today? How does this help us in the difficulties of living with each other in marriage? Discuss ways to respond “to the glory of God” in your marriage when you would want to respond selfishly?
11. How does the desire to have children reflect faithfulness to God’s covenant? What affect does divorce have on children? What demands are placed on believing parents with respect to their children?