

SERMON

On the

MOUNT

JESUS CONSIDERS
CHARACTER BEFORE
CONDUCT

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CHARACTER AND
CONDUCT

JESUS CONSIDERS
CHARACTER WHICH
CAUSES CONDUCT



P.I.N.O.G.A.M. =
Person In Need Of
Grace And Mercy

MATTHEW 5:31,32

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Multiple choice

1. This scripture is about Divorce
2. The scripture is about Re-marriage
3. The scripture is about causing someone to be a victim
4. The scripture is about adultery.

A scenic landscape featuring a sunset over a field of large, rounded rocks. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The rocks are scattered across the foreground and middle ground, with some showing signs of weathering and moss. The background shows a hazy horizon line under a sky with soft, wispy clouds.

Does God change his
expectations due to
culture?

Controversy of this Passage

- King of England split from the Catholic Church
- Catholic Church came up with a new process – annulment
- Evangelical Christians

“IF GOD HATES
DIVORCE,
THEN SO DO I.

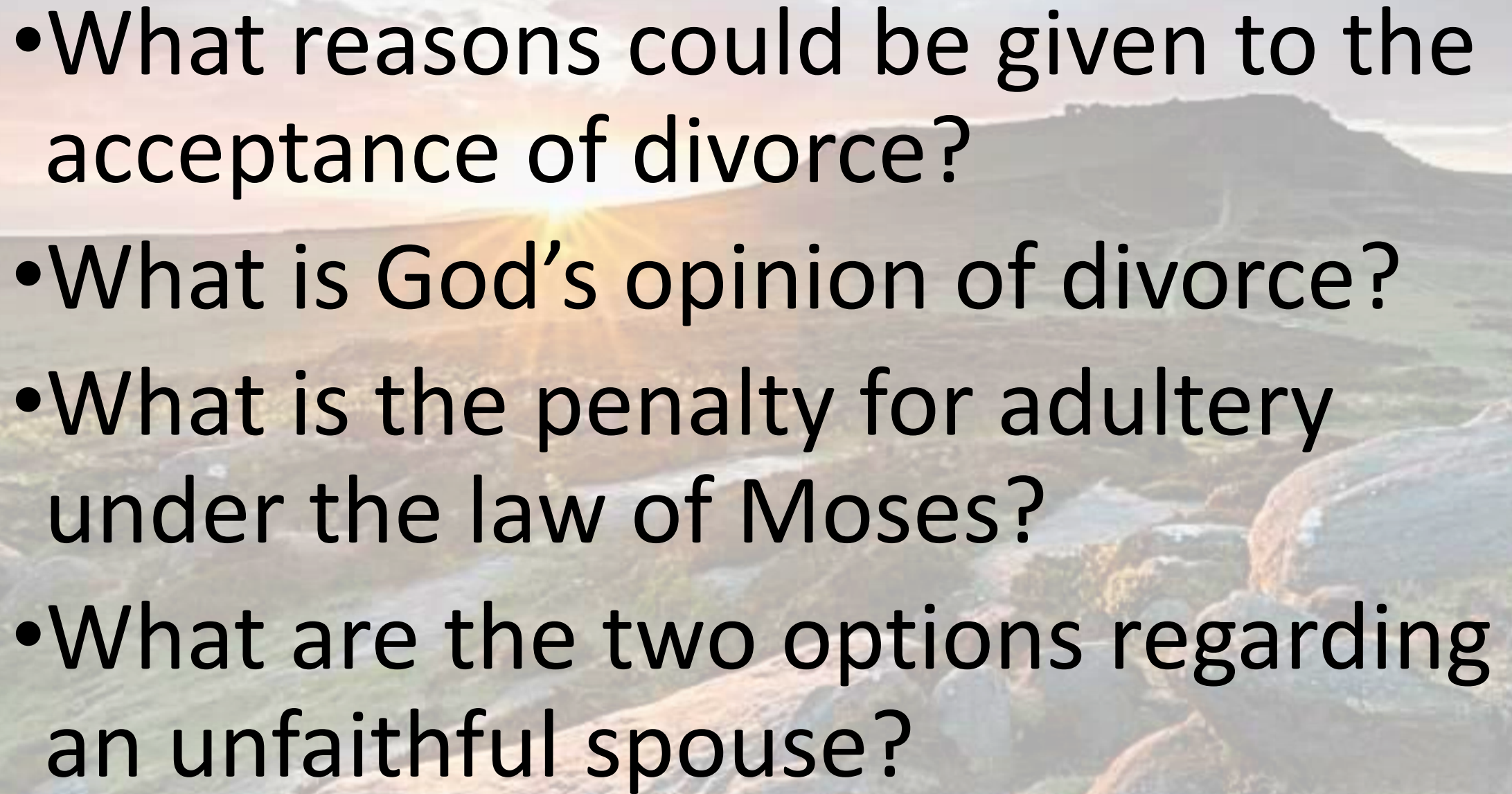
“THERE WOULD
FEWER DIVORCES IF
THERE WERE FEWER
MARRIAGES”

What is Marriage

- Matthew 19:4-6 "Have you not read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the **two will become one flesh**"? So they *are* no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- Three reasons for marriage
 - Genesis 2:18 – God "It's not good to be alone, I will make a **helper.**"
 - Genesis 1:28 "Be fruitful and increase in number" **children**
 - I Corinthians 7:8 "to keep from burning with passion" **sex**

Divorce In the time of Jesus

- Deuteronomy 24:1-4
 - Marriage – divorce- remarriage-divorce or death- “remarriage forbidden”
 - The world of adultery not mentioned.
- Malachi 2:16 “I hate divorce
- Two schools of thought
 - Shammai – No divorce unless it was the cause of adultery
 - Hillel – No reason was needed – any displeasure
 - The primary belief of the Pharisees and Scribes
- Matthew 19:3-9
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- John 4:16-18

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- What reasons could be given to the acceptance of divorce?
 - What is God's opinion of divorce?
 - What is the penalty for adultery under the law of Moses?
 - What are the two options regarding an unfaithful spouse?

A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a valley. In the foreground, there are large, rounded rocks. The background shows a range of hills or mountains under a sky with soft, wispy clouds.

Prayer Requests



Next week

- Read Matthew 5:33-37 as part of your devotions.
- Why are your promises (oath) so important to God?
- Please continue to pray for our church leadership.