

# Why God Hates Divorce

Malachi 2:10-16

- I. Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ the original plan of God (2:10).
- II. Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ that which God loves (2:11).
- III. Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ that any consequences will result from such decisions (2:12-13).
- IV. Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of the marital vow (2:14-15).
- V. Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of the people it touches (2:16).

## Conclusion:

- A. Divorce is an \_\_\_\_\_ solution to marital difficulties (2:8).
- B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ toward divorce should reflect God's viewpoint, not the world's.
- C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is compromised by considering divorce.
- D. If we are guilty of divorce, we should \_\_\_\_\_ from our sin.

## Review and Discuss

- 1. What is the key phrase in Malachi 2:10-16? List the places where it is found. What does it mean in the context of this book?
- 2. Explain what Matthew 19:4-6 reveals about God's original plan concerning marriage.
- 3. How does God refer to marriage in Malachi 2:11?
- 4. Explain what is being said in Malachi 2:12-13.
- 5. What in your own words, does God say about divorce in Malachi 2:16? What do you think that means?

## Further Consideration

- 1. How would you describe the general attitude of our society toward divorce today? How has this affected Christians' attitudes toward divorce? Has your attitude toward divorce been affected in any way by the study?
- 2. God calls marriage a "holy institution" in Malachi 2:11. What do you think that means?
- 3. Explain what God means when He calls the marriage relationship a covenant. In light of this, what is the significance of vows?
- 4. If you are married, in what ways has the Lord – through this study – strengthened your commitment to your marriage?
- 5. What would you say to a Christian friend who is considering divorce? What verses from God's Word might you give to encourage your friend to consider other alternatives?